

Pakistan Supreme Court rules Bhutto should hang for murder

PINDI — The Pakistan Supreme Court, in a 4-3 split decision, has ruled that former premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto should hang for a political assassination.

The court's decision on his execution was a landmark ruling in the country's history. Bhutto, who was the first Pakistani to be executed, was found guilty of murdering a political opponent, a former minister, in 1973.

One of the dissenting judges, Dorab Patel, a non-Moslem, said in a separate judgement that the prosecution had failed to corroborate the testimony of two police officers who gave evidence about Bhutto's conduct in the affair. He said the evidence was equivocal and described Bhutto's conduct as "reasonably capable of an innocent interpretation."

Judge Muhammad Haleem, from Karachi, in Bhutto's home province of Sind, wrote of appalling defects in the evidence of the main prosecution witness and said it had failed to inspire confidence.

Four members of the federal security force accused with Bhutto also had their death sentences confirmed by the supreme court yesterday. The judges split 5-2 to confirm the sentence on Miran Muhammad Abbas, operations director of the force, but were unanimous in rejecting appeals by three junior officers.

The five were convicted in connection with an attack on Ahmed Raza Kasuri, a vocal critic of Bhutto, in 1974. Kasuri escaped but his father was fatally wounded.

Mrs. Bhutto, who was placed under house arrest on Monday night — apparently to prevent her from organizing anti-government protests — drove to the jail after a police escort failed to turn up to take her there for her regular meeting with her husband, friends said.

Later police interrupted the meeting, lifted her bodily into a van and drove her back to the house where servants said she had been locked in a bedroom.

Bonn tells spies: Give up

BONN (UPI) — West German Interior Minister Gerhart Baum appealed to Eastern Bloc spies yesterday to turn themselves in and perhaps gain immunity from prosecution.

Baum told Eastern agents that recent counter-espionage successes show they have little chance of remaining undetected and they should surrender before they are tracked down. He said spies who cooperate with West German security agencies have a chance of escaping punishment.

His appeal was printed in the weekly picture magazine "Quick" and released to all media for wider circulation. It was made as security agencies examined East German secret police files brought by a defector for clues to spies operating in West Germany.

Information provided by the defector already has led to the arrest of 10 spy suspects and the disappearance of at least 16 others.

Unconfirmed press reports yesterday said a nuclear physicist sought for questioning has fled to East Germany.

The reports said Klaus Schmidt, the holder of a top post at the International Atomic Reactor Construction Company, phoned from East Germany over the weekend to tell business associates he would not return. Schmidt headed the experimental research and development department at the company in Bensberg.

Baum said the West German federal prosecutor can recommend immunity for spies who turn themselves in and cooperate with authorities. His appeal said that in some cases security agencies do not even have to inform justice authorities of the apprehension of a spy and he can go scot-free.

Force jets buzz Teheran

TEHRAN — Clashes between Iran and republicans were reported yesterday in an Iranian provincial day, while demonstrators through Teheran hailing assigned to create an Islamic republic.

Three jet fighters and six helicopters were swept low over the city, while demonstrators hailing assigned to create an Islamic republic.

Dr. Shapur Bakhtiar, appointed premier by the shah before he was forced by mass protests to leave the country, said three people were killed and 30 wounded in fighting between royalists (supporters of the shah) and republicans (supporters of the Islamic leader Khomeini) in the city of Zahedan, Pakistan border.

Bakhtiar's foreign minister, Ahmad Mir-Fendereski, announced that Iran would pull out of the Central Treaty Organization (CENTO), a Western-backed security alliance once known as the Baghdad Pact.

Foreign Minister Mir-Fendereski said relations with Israel and South Africa would be reviewed — another certain change in Iran's generally Western-aligned policies if the Islamic republic becomes a reality.

In parliament, Bakhtiar repeated an earlier statement that he would not resign under duress, but would step down if voted out by parliament, which gave him a vote of confidence after his appointment by the shah.

"I have come to office by your vote, I will go by your vote," the premier told the 288-member house, from which more than 30 members have resigned under pressure from Ayatollah Khomeini.

Meanwhile, more than 400 Americans left Iran yesterday in a continuing evacuation of the bulk of U.S. nationals from the country. Several hundred more are scheduled to leave today. Since the U.S. embassy last week issued new directives for American citizens, some 5,000 nationals have left on both regular flights and special military aircraft. There are now only some 5,000 U.S. nationals left in the country, compared with 41,000 late last year.

Other nations such as Britain and Italy have also been organizing regular military "convenience" flights for their nationals. (Reuters, UPI)

Dayan: Unrealistic to keep West Bank Arabs from talks

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

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The Camp David agreements made a clear distinction between issues pertaining to a sovereign state, which referred to Jordan, and the need for a solution to the Palestinian question.

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The problem, he said, is that Jordan today (and perhaps in the future) is against partnership in the Egyptian initiative. Jordan does not want to create a rift with Iraq, Syria and Saudi Arabia. King Hussein has consistently spurned the approaches of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Dayan said.

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Belgiums to Zaire

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Belgium plans to send paratroopers on training missions to Zaire at the Zaire government's request. Foreign Minister Henri Simonet said last night.



Tennessee, an African giraffe, inspects the cast on his foreleg. The animal broke his leg trying to free himself after getting stuck in the muddy bed of a river at the Lion Country Safari in Irvine, California. (UPI telephoto)

Vance invites Dayan, Khalil to Washington

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has formally proposed that Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil return to Washington during the week of February 18 to resume the peace treaty negotiations.

American officials are expecting that Israel and Egypt will accept the U.S. proposal even though Israel had earlier indicated a preference to see the talks resume in a location closer to the Middle East.

If approved by both Israel and Egypt, the talks would follow President Jimmy Carter's three-day visit to Mexico, beginning on February 14. Vance is due to accompany Carter on that trip.

Diplomatic observers here believe that the next round could take as long as two or three weeks of intensive negotiations.

The Americans would like to wind up the talks before Saudi Prince Fahd's arrival here for talks with Carter on March 13. The Saudi leader would probably be reluctant to come to Washington while the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty negotiations were still in progress.

Vance told reporters that he believed Washington should be the site of the talks. "I have no desire to go back to the Middle East," he said.

Vance flew between Cairo and Jerusalem in December on an unsuccessful effort to meet the December 17 deadline for signing the peace treaty set at Camp David. Clearly, the secretary would like to avoid another frustrating experience like that.

Given the other pressing foreign policy issues facing the U.S., the

secretary also wants to make certain that he remains in Washington "to stay on top of things," according to well-placed sources.

The resumption of talks here will follow Defence Secretary Harold Brown's forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. Officials here are hoping that Brown's meetings in Cairo and Jerusalem next week will have a beneficial "spillover" effect in promoting the peace treaty talks.

For example, the defence chief hopes to convince the pro-Western states to stress the broader "regional" problems facing the area, rather than allowing the more parochial issues continue to stand in the way of the treaty.

Once the talks resume in Washington, sources here said, the Americans are hoping to have Israeli and Egyptian cooperation in limiting press disclosures from the intensive sessions. They want the negotiations to remain as "quiet" as possible in order to facilitate success.

The scenario most commonly predicted here is that these coming ministerial-level discussions will be concluded with another trilateral summit involving President Jimmy Carter, Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat even if Vance succeeds in resolving all the remaining issues in the treaty. Such a summit, along the lines of the Camp David conference, could take place later in March.

Carter is reluctant to have another summit unless further progress in bringing the remaining problems is achieved at the ministerial level. The Americans are anxious to resume the negotiations as quickly as possible because of the turmoil in Iran.

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Carter to push for accord at ministerial talks

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

President Jimmy Carter may involve himself personally in the proposed ministerial talks in Washington in an effort to resolve all outstanding treaty issues without the need for another summit conference.

This is the prognosis of some informed sources in Jerusalem who recall Carter's personal involvement at crucial stages of the Blair House talks in October-November.

The formal U.S. proposal to hold talks on the Vance-Khalil-Dayan level was conveyed to Jerusalem yesterday and will be taken up by the cabinet either at its scheduled special economics meeting tomorrow or at its weekly session on Sunday.

Officials in Jerusalem yesterday said the U.S. proposal had been "expected," though Israel was not notified of it in advance of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's testimony to a congressional committee on Monday, when he first publicized it.

Washington has made it clear for the past several weeks, during and after special U.S. envoy Alfred Atherton's shuttle mission, that it would only have recourse to a Carter-Begin-Sadat summit once all other avenues had been pursued — that is, if a ministerial-level conclave failed to break the impasse.

It was evident from Vance's testimony on Monday that he fully intends to attack all of the outstanding issues — including the stubborn "linkage" problem. The wording of his formal proposal which reached Jerusalem yesterday also signified that the U.S. intention is to close the gaps on all of the issues, if possible.

Hence, say the informed sources, the likelihood of Carter's personal intervention at crisis moments in the ministerial-level talks, rather than letting them end in failure and risking everything on a make-or-break summit.

Plainly, Israel will not fail to accept the U.S. proposal, and will have to set aside its earlier declared preference for talks to be held "in the area" rather than in Washington. (Israel had suggested the U.S. Sinai monitoring station at Umm Hashiba as a suitable venue. But Vance has explained that he cannot afford to be away from Washington, in view of the SALT negotiations and other pressing business.)

Nevertheless, the U.S. proposal is likely to stir up intense debate within the cabinet.

Ariel Sharon and other hawkish ministers may well revive their demand for a full-scale cabinet discussion of the Palestinian autonomy proposal before the negotiations move towards the conclusion of the peace treaty.

And Moshe Dayan has made it clear to Begin recently — and he may do so again at the cabinet table — that he wants to be invested with sufficient authority to engage in a genuine give-and-take negotiation. He felt after his one-day meeting with Vance and Egyptian Premier Mustafa Khalil in Brussels in December that a number of his ministerial colleagues were mistrustful of his performance there.

Earlier, at the Blair House talks, Dayan's brief was "ad referendum" to the full cabinet, and it often happened that agreements tentatively reached in Washington were subsequently over-ruled in Jerusalem.

The U.S. proposal specifically states that Washington desires that Dayan be the chief negotiator for Israel (and Khalil for Egypt). But obviously the Americans, too, hope Dayan will come empowered with a substantive negotiating brief.

Several ministers can also be expected to take a diametrically opposite position, seeking to impose upon Dayan limiting, restrictive guidelines and, in this way, ensure that the full cabinet keeps control on the negotiations from afar.

One well-placed source said yesterday that "if the Egyptians show the same openness that they showed at Blair House before the Baghdad Arab summit, then I am sure we can conclude the treaty."

This source was confident that language could be devised on the "linkage letter" that would satisfy both sides: i.e., a firm commitment to hold the autonomy elections without a specific date for holding them.

On Article 6(v) of the draft treaty (the "priority of obligations" clause), the Washington talks will presumably proceed upon the basis of the proposed U.S. letter to Israel almost concluded during Ambassador Atherton's recent visit here (and rejected by Cairo during his visit there). This letter, it is reliably learned, is still not entirely wrapped up between Washington and Jerusalem, with a key paragraph on the occupied territories still giving the draftsmen trouble.

**Profound differences remain,
Ghali tells Egyptian house**

CAIRO (UPI) — The U.S. has suggested a resumption of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty negotiations in Washington, since it has become clear that profound differences persist between the two sides, acting foreign minister Butros Ghali said yesterday.

Speaking to the parliament's Foreign Relations and National Security committees, Ghali said the U.S. suggestion to resume the ministerial-level talks was made after special envoy Alfred Atherton failed last month to narrow the gap between the Egyptian and Israeli positions.

Ghali said the U.S. envoy attempted to resolve differences related to Articles 4 and 6 of the draft peace treaty.

"But it became clear during the discussions with Atherton that the differences are not technical or legalistic, but political," Ghali said. The U.S. idea to remove some of the technical differences had to be discarded, he said, because it

became clear "the differences are profound and political and must be dealt with in higher-level talks."

He did not say if Egypt agreed to the U.S. suggestion, but other officials said Egyptian agreement appeared certain.

Ghali said the problem of "linkage" was at the root of Egyptian-Israeli differences on Articles 4 and 6.

"It became clear that the differences are profound, because while Egypt wants to link (the treaty to an overall settlement), Israel wants to separate," Ghali said.

The ministerial-level talks in Washington will grapple with Articles 4 and 6 as well as the "linkage" issue, he said.

When a parliament deputy urged the government to break off the negotiations altogether, Ghali replied: "Why should we? We are still at the beginning of a long road. A few months are not much when you are attempting to solve a problem that continued for 30 years."

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Urban and black-robed Moslem priests carry flowers in demonstration of support for a provisional government announced by religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini on Monday. Thousands of demonstrators turned out to hail the ayatollah and his intended prime minister, Mehdi Bazargan. (UPI telephoto)

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WEATHER

Due to sanctions by engineers, the meteorological service issued no weather forecast yesterday.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Ora Zohar, Director of the Hebrew University's National Centre for Teacher Improvement will speak on new improvements in Israeli education at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. in YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Solly Rechtman of the Haifa University will speak on educating the underprivileged in the north, at the Haifa tourist forum at the Dan Carmel Hotel at 5.30 tonight.

Owing to unfortunate circumstances for which *The Jerusalem Post* was in no way responsible, a false "In Memoriam" notice regarding the death of Dr. Maurice Gaba and Harry Peters was published in our issue of February 6. We regret the embarrassment caused to Dr. Gaba and Mr. Peters.

Coalition reports general support for Ehrlich plan

By SLOMO MA'AZ
Post Economic Reporter

At a session of the Knesset devoted to the Treasury's plan to reduce inflation, coalition members yesterday expressed general support for the plan but criticized certain sections. Prime Minister Menachem Begin did not take an active part in the session.

(The prime minister yesterday severely criticized members of the coalition for attacking the economic plan and told them they might bring down the coalition and were insensitive to the finance minister's difficult job.)

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich told the plenum that, if necessary, further steps would be taken to hinder the inflationary spiral. He said that his programme had been enthusiastically received by the public at large. Ehrlich said that civil service manpower would be frozen, including the army's permanent forces. He called for the Knesset to accept his plan in its entirety.

MK Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael), chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee, protested the fact that the programme did not include cuts in cheap loans to capital along with the reduction of subsidies for the man-in-the-street. He was supported in this by MK Yigal Cohen-Orad (Likud-Herut).

Deputy Finance Minister Yeheskel Flomin responded that without the proposed steps inflation could reach 50 per cent.

Ehrlich also appeared before the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday to explain his plan to battle inflation. The governor of the Bank of Israel was due to appear, but he informed the committee that the bank had yet to examine all details of the plan and that he would appear next week.

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Peace before cultural ties, Sadat tells Israeli artists

CAIRO (AP). — Two Israeli artists met yesterday with President Anwar Sadat and said he warned them that full-scale cultural exchanges could not take place until a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel was signed.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin "must understand that normalization of relations can come only after signing a peace treaty," artist Sami Steinovitz quoted Sadat as saying. "Israel cannot have everything now. After the signing, the process can start."

Steinovitz and Yitzhak Turel, an artist and gallery manager, met with the Egyptian leader for 40 minutes at his rest house, 25 km. north of Cairo.

The artists presented a lithograph to Sadat. The lithograph, already signed by Begin at the Nobel ceremony in Norway, was made by Steinovitz in honour of the co-winners of the Nobel Peace Prize. Sadat signed copies that the artists will give to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Begin and Pope John Paul II.

The silver-and-gold lithograph depicts a dove of peace and an angel reaching for a clock without hands, which Steinovitz said symbolized the timelessness of the hoped-for peace.

Rafiah settlers lie down in ditches, won't move

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — Protesting what they call "defeatist" government policy, some 70 settlers from the Yamit area staged a three-hour demonstration yesterday, preventing workers from installing water pipes in the area where they are to be resettled.

The settlers, including women and children, lay down in ditches dug last week near Moshav Yotza, to the south of Kerem Shalom. This is part of the region now known as Pithat Shalom, where the government has promised to build 20 settlements, most of them for the Rafiah settlers.

"We will not be treated like the Jews of Nazi Germany," said one farmer from Moshav Yotza. Settlers complained that to start construction on these new settlements was de facto recognition that, despite the stymied peace process, the government had already conceded the Rafiah area.

National water company workers began digging ditches seven days ago, although the Jewish Agency's southern project director has denied that any work has been started in the area since the peace talks were in abeyance. The plan is to lay a pipeline from Moshav Yotza to Kerem Shalom at a cost of IL20m.

"Nobody consulted us about this," said Asher Kashush of Moshav Haruvit. "We intend to prevent any more construction in the future as well."

Some of the settlers indicated that they would not respond to the government's call to relocate them in the new area, while others demanded that they be included in any plans affecting their future.

According to an Israeli radio report, settlers criticized Agriculture Minister Shimon Peres for his role in the settlement, saying that "the government will not open discussion with settlers until the peace talks with Egypt are resumed. This will only weaken Israel at the negotiating table. But once negotiations are under way, the settlers will be consulted."

New group to take over Kfar Darom

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new settlement group will take over Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip for agricultural training, but there has been no decision to establish a new settlement in the area.

David Nahmias, a senior official for the World Zionist Organization's settlement department, told *The Jerusalem Post* the new settlers are expected in two or three months.

Kfar Darom, the site of a Jewish settlement overrun by the Egyptians in the 1948 war, has been used recently as a training centre for settlement groups. The last group moved to Ganei Tal.

The new group, like other Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, is affiliated with the orthodox Hapoel Hamizrachi. Residents of the three existing settlements have complained that they are isolated.

Khaddam in brief visit to Amman

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam yesterday made a brief visit to Amman for talks with King Hussein. Radio Jordan reported last night that Khaddam, who returned to Syria last night, had delivered a message from Syrian President Hafez Assad "concerning the current situation in the area."

Hussein went to Damascus last month for talks with Assad. They were reported to have discussed the ongoing merger proposal between Syria and Iraq. Khaddam's visit to Jordan likely included a progress report on the merger.

In a related development, the Kuwait newspaper "Al-Anba" reported yesterday that Saudi Arabia will finance Jordanian military purchases from France.

Quoting "diplomatic sources," the newspaper said a Jordanian military delegation, headed by commander-in-chief Gen. Zaid Ben Shaker will visit Paris later this month on an arms-purchasing mission.

Katz: Budget cut will hurt services

By AARON SETNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Vital social services will have to be cancelled if the 3 per cent across-the-board budget cut for government ministries is applied to the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

That warning came yesterday from Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz in a meeting with Prime Minister Menachem Begin. If the slashes urged by Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich are effected, said Katz, it would mean a one-third reduction in the ministry's IL450m. "special purposes" fund for this year.

Katz told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "Several functions would have to be dropped, and in the end my ministry would be blamed."

"If the one-third cut applies to us, we shall have to halt placement of 500 elderly in old age homes. We shall suspend our 'warm meals' programme in government-assisted institutions for the underprivileged, and we will reduce services to the mentally handicapped."

"We shall also have to drop plans for special services for 1,000 culturally deprived youngsters. There will be no more vocational training for 8000 problem boys and girls. Six hostels for such youths will be closed and 15 groups of school dropouts we are sponsoring for special training in the army will have to be withdrawn."

Begin was reportedly sympathetic towards Katz's appeal, and promised to arrange a meeting with Ehrlich to see if the budget cuts could bypass Katz's ministry.

Sniper fire closes Beirut highway

BEIRUT (UPI). — Sniper fire closed one of the main crossings between Christian east and Moslem west Beirut yesterday and Christian militiamen exchanged machine-gun fire with Syrian troops of the Arab deterrent force in the suburbs, witnesses said.

Preliminary reports said one person was killed and three others were wounded in the hail of bullets that hit the Fuad Chehab highway, linking the two sections of the capital.

In suburban Ain Rummaneh, a Christian enclave southeast of Beirut, militiamen traded heavy machine-gun fire with Syrian troops of the Arab deterrent force. No casualties were reported.

The Phalangist "Voice of Lebanon" radio claimed the Syrians fired at least a dozen mortar rounds into the Ain Rummaneh region that hit areas close to schools.

Three Polish Jews here for meeting

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Three Polish Jews arrived here yesterday as delegates to the fourth congress of the World Federation of Polish Jews, starting today.

This is the first time in many years that Polish representatives are taking part in congress proceedings here. Moshe Finkelstein, representative of the Jewish community in Vroslav, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that there are still 10,000 to 15,000 Jews in Poland, most of whom are over the age of 80.

"There is no more anti-Semitism in Poland because the Jews have become invisible," he said.

Finkelstein, who was last here 15 years ago, admitted that he did not recognize Israel because of the amount of development in the country since then.

The other two delegates are the assistant manager of the Polish Jewish newspaper "Volkstimme," and the manager of the Jewish theatre in Poland.

Report of Tito's divorce denied

BELGRADE (Reuters). — A Yugoslav government spokesman yesterday denied reports that President Josef Tito, 86, has divorced his wife and remarried.

The reports asserted that Tito had divorced his 54-year-old wife Jovanka and married Gertrude Minutic, a mezzo-soprano singer with a Sarajevo opera company. The government spokesman said "such dirty reports do not deserve any comments at all."

The spokesman said that whenever Tito, who left last week on a tour of four Middle East countries, embarked on important visits, "there are certain circles which always drag up such topics in order to overshadow the real issues."

In Baghdad yesterday, Tito and Iraqi Vice-President Saddam Hussein discussed bilateral relations between their countries. The official Iraqi news agency reported that the two also discussed the situation in the Arab world, international issues of mutual interest and means of strengthening solidarity of the non-aligned movement against imperialism and colonialism.

'EXERCISE. — A civil defence exercise has been scheduled for the near future in Bat Yam, an army spokesman announced this week. The exercise will be held during the day and night and will include army units, police and Magen David Adom personnel.



Some 45 torch-bearing demonstrators last night hung a sign on an apartment in the Old City of Jerusalem owned by the Prime Minister's Office and renamed it the "Prime Minister's Bureau." Two months ago Premier Menachem Begin announced he would move his office and the Foreign Ministry to the Old City to demonstrate that Jerusalem is the indivisible capital of Israel. The demonstrators hung a sign outside the flat, which was formerly occupied by former foreign minister Yigal Alon, to remind Begin of the pledge.

Bill seeks faster way to raze homes

Post Knesset Reporter

Yosef Tamir (Likud-Liberals) yesterday presented for a first reading his private member's bill authorizing the demolition of illegal structures through an administrative decision. The bill has already passed its preliminary reading.

Tamir said that existing laws were adequate to enable the authorities to deal with the problem of illegal building. But once an illegal structure is occupied by human beings, emotional difficulties arise.

His bill empowers the mayor to issue a demolition order early on, obviating resort to the courts, so that the illegal structure can be razed before it is occupied.

Tamir said that the negative effects of illegal building went far beyond the act itself — it gave rise to a disrespect for law in general. He said the bill had the support of mayors (including Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat) and the Interior Ministry.

But during the debate, which was not concluded yesterday, some members expressed reservations, while others opposed the bill outright.

Benzion Rubin (National Religious Party) thought that part of the explanation for the great extent of illegal building is the absence of outline plans and the lack of authority of the local planning commissions. As a result, too many plans are referred to the district planning commission, which is swamped with work. And builders and ordinary citizens are impatient, Rubin said.

He favoured administrative demolition only where the illegal building was done on public land (e.g. a dock set up on the sidewalk). But if someone closed his own balcony, the existing laws were sufficient, Rubin held.

Other speakers made the following points:

Tamar Eshel (Alignment): The 72-hour warning notice laid down in Tamir's bill should be reduced to 24 hours.

Dov Shilansky (Likud): A distinction must be made between illegal building for commercial purposes and illegal building in a private residence.

Gustav Badian (Likud): The demolition warning should be posted 14 days in advance, in order to give the owner time to appeal to the courts.

Mordechai Wirshubski (Shas): The chief violators of the Planning and Building Law are the government and the local authorities themselves. And the half-hearted implementation of the law has destroyed all standards of the rule of law.

Moshe Amar (Alignment-Mapaam): There is no justification for administrative demolition orders. Even under the present law, if a builder disregards an order to cease building, further construction can be demolished administratively. Hence, no new powers are required.

Meir Pa'il (Shas): Instead of curing the ills of our bureaucracy, which has failed to prepare outline plans, the bill grants the authority of a disciplinary-administrative court, without looking after the rights of the individual.

Alignment attack on Sharon ranch comes to abrupt halt

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

The Alignment onslaught against the government, over the Ariel Sharon conflict-of-interest issue, was stopped in its tracks yesterday by an embarrassing Likud proposal, which could make trouble for Alignment ministers in a future regime.

The Knesset State Control Committee, where this took place, was considering the government's proposals with regard to the large Negev ranch of Agriculture Minister Sharon, and the conflict of interest, under the Asher Committee rules, which his ownership of that ranch generated.

After several sessions in the committee, the Alignment tabled a motion calling on the government to defer the appointment of a second manager to Sharon's farm until such time as the new public body due to assess the implementation of the Asher Committee rules had completed its deliberations. (This body has not yet been set up.)

However, the Likud's Amnon Linn tabled another motion, whereby the new public body would discuss possible conflict of ministerial interest, when ministers belong to electoral sectors with specific interests. Linn said he was referring to ministers who belong to kibbutzim, moshavim, or major organizations such as the Manufacturers Association.

Linn said the public damage caused by one man like Sharon who owned one farm was insignificant compared to the harm which could be caused when a minister spoke for hundreds of kibbutzim or moshavim.

At this, the Alignment said it was not ready to vote yesterday. It demanded, and received, a postponement.

Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Nissim, also at the session, congratulated the Likud for its proposal, and said that "nobody in the cabinet ever thought of that one."

Linn told *The Jerusalem Post* later that it was on the cards that a Likud moshav member might one day become minister of agriculture, creating the same conflict of interest. A kibbutz or moshav member could not leave his framework, if he joined the cabinet. However, some steps ought to be taken to reduce the conflict of interest, such as by obliging a minister to engage a director-general for his ministry, who belonged to a different electoral sector, and thus spoke for different interests.

Iran UN troops stranded

METULLA (Itim). — Five hundred soldiers from the Iranian battalion in Southern Lebanon, which finished its UNIFIL mission a month ago, are still in Beirut and the south because of problems in returning to Iran.

An Itim correspondent reported that the soldiers turned to Israel for help in expediting their departure home, possibly via Haifa to another port. Israeli officials are considering the request.

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Cyprus official here to probe jailed writer

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The director-general of the Cyprus Foreign Ministry, George Pelagias, arrived in Israel last night on a hastily arranged visit. He will apparently want to raise with his host, Foreign Ministry Director-General Yigal Alon, the case of imprisoned journalist Panayiotis Paschalis, who was jailed for five years on espionage charges last July.

Paschalis had collected publishing material and had taken hundreds of photographs of the Israeli coastline and the Tel Aviv District Court house, he had planned to give the material to Palestine Liberation Organization officials in Cyprus.

The Cyprus official will be here for two days and will pay a courtesy call on Foreign Minister Menachem Begin.

An official statement put out by the ministry last night said the talks with Pelagias would concern "matters of mutual interest" and that the Cyprus diplomat would also receive a full review of the state of the peace process and of Israel's position on the various points of issue.

The ministry spokesman pointed out that Pelagias' visit is the first ever to Israel by a senior Cypriot official.

The two countries have had diplomatic relations, but Cyprus does not have a resident mission here.

Pelagias will also pay a call on Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Fifth member of Diamond Exchange arrested for theft

By YORAM BAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Another member of the Diamond Exchange and fourth Ben-Gurion Airport porters were arrested yesterday by the serious crimes squad in connection with major diamond thefts at the airport.

This brings to five the number of Diamond Exchange members arrested over the past week in addition, two merchants — one from Tel Aviv and one from Netanya — and airport porters, have been arrested.

The president of the Diamond Exchange, Moshe Schmitzer, yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* he did not believe any members of the exchange would be convicted of cooperating with the diamond thieves.

Schmitzer said that the good name of exchange members will be harmed abroad by the arrests. "The district attorney made a serious mistake for which we'll pay dearly," he said. "None of the Diamond Exchange members has ever been found guilty of such things."

"We are insured for every loss and none of us would dare to do a thing as cooperate with those because nobody would ever deal with someone who had been involved in such matters," he claimed.

Schmitzer added that the exchange had cooperated with police in their investigation of the porters at Ben Gurion Airport.

Meanwhile, police investigation into the thefts is continuing and more arrests are expected in the next few days.

It is believed that all the money received for the stolen diamonds — estimated by police at IL1b — has been channelled into the Israeli black market.

Bar-Ilan to train rabbis

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A degree-granting programme to train Sephardi rabbis for work in congregations abroad is being set up by Bar-Ilan University in cooperation with the Sephardi yeshivot and the Sephardi Committee in Jerusalem.

הקדמת השנה

Autonomy will lead to Arab state, says Gur

By ABRAHAM SHIMON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip — as offered by Prime Minister Menachem Begin — is a reality, then as will be a Palestinian state, former chief of the Tel Aviv District, Mordechai Gur warned yesterday.

Gur, who was elected to the Knesset in the recent elections, said at the monthly luncheon of the Tel Aviv District Council that the present government's autonomy plan is a "dismal failure."

"They are running too fast, out of control," he said, "and they are not stopping to catch their breath. They are not reflecting on the situation, and they are not taking into account the fact that the present government is a coalition government, and it is not a government of the people."

Gur said that the "momentum" for an Israeli-Egyptian settlement is so great now that it is not backtracking, and that the mistakes of the past are being corrected.

"We are not going to get that treaty signed early as possible," he added. "I say that even after reading the remarks by (President) Sadat and his ministers — that they appear to be signing the draft of almost all of its meaning."

Gur also said that he would prefer a step-by-step process, and that he would not like to see a peace treaty signed in haste.

"Let us make a peace treaty, but let us make it as a result of a process, not as a result of a sudden decision," he said.

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Immigrant children will be able to visit without army duty

By ABRAHAM SHIMON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Immigrant children will be able to visit their parents in Israel without having to perform army duty, a decision announced yesterday by the Defense Ministry.

The new regulation, which will take effect in the near future, allows children of immigrants to visit their parents in Israel for a period of up to 14 days without having to perform army duty.

The Defense Ministry said that the new regulation was a result of a decision by the cabinet, and that it was a "humanitarian" measure.

The new regulation will apply to children of immigrants who are living in Israel, and who are under the age of 18.

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Station owners riled Ashdod attendant's killing

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Station owners in Ashdod are riled by the killing of a station attendant, a man who was shot and killed by a gunman who was trying to steal a car.

The station attendant, a man named Yehuda, was shot and killed by a gunman who was trying to steal a car. The gunman was shot and killed by the police.

The station owners are riled by the killing of the attendant, and they are demanding that the police take action against the gunman.

The station owners are also demanding that the police take action against the gunman who was trying to steal the car.

Firemen may be liable for suits on loss of life

By ABRAHAM SHIMON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

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Hammer seeks c'tee on Arab students

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — A special ministerial committee should decide what steps to take against Arab students who publicly identify with the PLO, advocate violence against the State of Israel, or are otherwise disloyal to the country, this was expressed yesterday by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer during a meeting with the heads of Israeli universities.

At the meeting at Bar-Ilan University, the university executives differed on whether they or the government should be responsible for taking action against those Arab students whose statements or actions are possibly defamatory or treasonous. Some said they felt that the police and the government have sole responsibility for enforcing the law on campus as everywhere else. But university officials are expected to hold discussions to see what disciplinary action can be

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Housing protesters lean over the balcony adjoining Prazot director Micha Kenneth's office, which they occupied yesterday morning to dramatize their demand for his resignation. (Rahamim Israeli)

Occupying protesters call for Prazot head to resign

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 30 demonstrators took over the Jerusalem office of Prazot director Micha Kenneth yesterday and demanded his resignation.

Entering the offices shortly after 10 a.m., the protesters shouted "Give us a home!" and "Kenneth out!" When Kenneth failed to appear, several demonstrators entered a room and climbed through a connecting window to his empty office.

The protesters, mainly women, claimed that after Monday's critical State Comptroller report on Prazot's operations, Kenneth should resign.

The demonstrators had earlier sought assistance from Prazot in finding housing for their large families. Prazot, a joint municipal-

Histadrut c'tee to investigate charges of hindrance in engineers' wage pact

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Histadrut committee, to be headed by Trade Union Department Chairman Yisrael Kassar, will investigate the engineers' charges that the Histadrut has stood in the way of their reaching agreement with the government on a 1978-80 work contract. This was decided yesterday at a joint meeting of the Histadrut Central Committee and the secretariat of the Engineers' Union.

Meanwhile, the engineers' work sanctions will enter their third day today with no signs of progress toward a settlement. The sanctions, which include absence from meetings and failure to sign building plans and other documents, will be felt in the economy in another month or so, the engineers claim.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel suggested that the Kassar committee visit large firms where all the workers — including

Sadat offers haven for F-14s

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has offered to allow sensitive weapons, such as F-4 fighter planes supplied to Iran by the U.S., to be transferred to Egypt for safekeeping. "The Washington Post," reported yesterday.

The newspaper quoted Carter administration sources as saying that Sadat made the offer during his recent meetings with the shah, who was forced to leave Iran last month. But administration officials feel

Affluent westerners plan Modi'im

By LYNDIA GOLDMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A thousand families have taken it upon themselves to attract settlers and develop the area around Modi'im, traditional birthplace of the Maccabees southeast of Lod.

By organizing groups of new immigrants, young couples and returning Israelis from abroad, the Bnei Modi'im group told Housing Minister David Levy, they are prepared to contribute IL5m. to develop a site to be called Modi'im into an exclusive suburb without the help of the government. They claim this will help solve the population explosion crisis in the Dan and Sharon regions.

Aharon Goren, the group's coordinator, said that the group consists of 80-400 families, who are willing to take a direct part in the planning and developing of Modi'im.

Geffen said that there is a waiting list of close to 300 "well-to-do families" from South Africa, England and the U.S. interested in settling in the proposed town, and that his group is trying to lure people who will also promote industry.

Swiss soccer teams win one, lose one

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Two leading Swiss First Division soccer teams won one and lost one in friendly matches in Beersheba and Tel Aviv yesterday.

Sevett, of Geneva, beat Beersheba Hapoel 1-0, the goal scored with a header by Ella in the 67th minute. A minute later the Beersheba goal had a narrow escape when a Swiss player hit the cross bar.

Bnei Yehuda beat St. Gallen 2-0 at

Approved housing plan still not implemented

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Absorption Ministry housing scheme approved by the government last December still has not been implemented by the Construction and Housing Ministry due to "organizational problems." The delay has sent immigrants in Jerusalem running back and forth between government offices that offer contradictory information.

In order to provide some relief to the housing shortage, the Absorption Ministry proposed a plan that would provide 200 flats for immigrant families around the country. Immigrants would be asked to search for a flat on the private market that costs up to IL600 (it was later raised to IL700,000), which would be purchased by the ministry. The immigrants would then be given the flat and pay back a government mortgage according to the standard terms offered on Amidec-owned flats.

The Treasury approved the scheme, and the Construction and Housing Ministry agreed to carry it out.

But The Jerusalem Post has learned that immigrants who were told by Absorption Ministry officials in Jerusalem to search for a flat were

MKs approve bill giving parties retroactive funds

Post Knesset Reporter

A practically unanimous Knesset yesterday voted into law the bill that retroactively increases the government's contribution to the political parties for their campaign expenses in last November's municipal elections.

Only Shai voted against the bill, which is expected to cost the government IL50m. This is in addition to an estimated IL180m. already authorized.

Another provision in the bill retroactively increases the maximum amount of campaign funds a party may spend in addition to its allotment from the Treasury. The original law fixed that amount at 225 per cent of the advance payment each party received before the election. This has now been raised to 300 per cent of the advance payment.

This provision of the bill was not mentioned from the Knesset rostrum at any stage of the legislative process. According to one member of the Interior Committee, if the maximum had not been raised "all the parties would have been guilty of a criminal act."

Mordechai Wirshubski (Shai) moved that the additional "financing unit" not be fixed at one agora. He said that for the parties to vote themselves more money was particularly untimely now, when even

Appeal to stop Machpela 'desecration'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Supreme Moslem Council in East Jerusalem has, for the first time, appealed to "all reasonable people of conscience in Israel" to take action to prevent "desecration of Islamic sanctity" in the Machpela Cave in Hebron.

The council's call came after the military government refused to allow the members to hold a press conference protesting recent events.

Hebron mayor Fahd Kawazma said yesterday that a dangerous

Appeal to stop Machpela 'desecration'

situation has been created in the town since the government again altered arrangements at the prayer site. He accused the Jewish residents of Kiryat Arba of taking over the mosque in the cave.

According to Jewish tradition the three patriarchs are interred in Machpela Cave.

Studies in Ramallah schools were again disrupted yesterday as pupils stayed away from classes in protest at the actions of the military government. No incidents were reported.

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Naron's mother learned to read at age 65

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At a reception in Beit Hanania for 200 illiterate women from Hatzor in Galilee yesterday, President Yitzhak Navon revealed that his own mother couldn't read until the age of 65.

The president said that his mother Miriam was induced to begin learning when he left in the early 1950s for South America on an extended diplomatic mission. In order to communicate with her son, she asked her husband to teach her to read and write. The script that she learned was that used in the Rashid commentary and not the regular Hebrew script.

The women are studying Hebrew in a kibbutz programme.

Afula Hapoel wins Korac Cup games

By STEVE KAPLAN
Post Sports Reporter

Afula Hapoel completed a sweep of Israel's Korac cup teams on Saturday night, upsetting Yagur Ha'emek Hapoel 86-80, and assured themselves a place in the playoffs of the National Basketball League.

In their 19th round games, Tel Aviv Maccabi and Ramat Gan Hapoel ran up big victories against Tel Aviv Elitzur (111-64) and South Tel Aviv Maccabi (116-85), respectively.

Ramat Gan Maccabi routed Tel Aviv Betar, 89-59, killing that team's playoff hopes, and Holon Hapoel also had an easy time at home disposing of Gan Shmuel Hapoel, 80-62. The round's big game is on Friday in Haifa when the local Hapoel club takes on Tel Aviv Hapoel with third place at stake.

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1. Tel Aviv Maccabi	15-6	36
2. Ramat Gan Hapoel	15-5	35
3. Tel Aviv Hapoel	13-5	31
4. Haifa Hapoel	12-6	30
5. Yagur Ha'emek Hap.	11-7	29
6. Holon Hapoel	10-9	29
7. Ramat Gan Maccabi	8-11	27
8. Afula Hapoel	7-12	26
9. Tel Aviv Betar	6-13	25
10. Gan Shmuel Hapoel	6-13	25
11. S. Tel Aviv Mac.	2-17	21
12. Tel Aviv Elitzur	2-17	21

Matric exams on time

Jerusalem Post Reporter

This year's matriculation (bagrut) exams will be conducted on time and with the same general format as last year's, according to Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli.

In his monthly circular to schools, Shmueli stated that July's exams will include a wider choice of optional questions than in previous years. The level of the exams will not decline, he added, despite the loss by 12th graders of 45 schooldays in September, November and December due to the teachers' strike.

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Water strike threatens Britain

LONDON. — The menace of a nationwide water strike loomed yesterday over Britain, threatening fresh misery for a country racked by a month of industrial turmoil that has sent Prime Minister James Callaghan's political stock plummeting.

Weeks of petrol and food shortages, blocked ports and factories, 250,000 layoffs and shut down hospitals and schools, meant a prospect of polluted water, untreated sewage and taps running dry for millions of Britons.

Callaghan, who has asserted repeatedly that only his governing Labour Party can do business with the unions, appeared to be getting his political comeback from all this disruption.

An opinion poll in the London "Daily Express" put Labour 19 per cent behind Margaret Thatcher's Conservatives, and Mrs. Thatcher's own popularity rating at 45 per cent compared with Callaghan's 31 per cent.

Political commentators said this could spell disaster for Callaghan in the general election he must hold by the end of October. They said that,

translated into parliamentary seats, it would mean a Conservative landslide with a majority of 200 seats in the next Commons.

London bookies were offering 1-2 or 2-5 odds on a Conservative victory and 6-4 or 7-4 against Labour.

A nationwide water and sewerage strike erupted as a major threat following the breakdown at 3 a.m. of talks between the state-run National Water Council and unions representing 33,000 water workers.

The council raised its offers from 5 per cent to a "final" 16.9 per cent, but union leaders rejected this too, saying they would submit it to their members but with no recommendation for acceptance. They are demanding an increase of roughly 40 per cent to bring basic minimum wages to £80 weekly — the same demand they made for other low paid workers.

Meanwhile, there was no letup in other industrial strikes. One-third of London's ambulance stations were out of action because 2,300 ambulance men were operating a slowdown, and "slowly grinding to a halt," a spokesman said.

Hospitals accepted only emergencies and several in London closed altogether because of walkouts by porters, cooks and cleaners.

In London alone an estimated half million children were locked out of schools. Hundreds of thousands more were unable to go to school elsewhere in the country.

Some 300,000 civil servants threatened a one-day walkout on February 23, disrupting government offices, tax collection and government computers.

More than 100,000 workers of British Leyland, the giant car-manufacturing firm, are in vote this week on a strike call issued on Monday by their shopfloor trade union leaders. Leyland yesterday morning spent thousands of pounds on full-page advertisements in newspapers telling employees that a strike would risk "the survival of large chunks of our car business."

Garages piled even higher in city streets, parks and squares. In London it was called a fire hazard. A London fire brigade spokesman said, "It's only a matter of time before lives and property are threatened."

Would-be Ford assassin in jailbreak

ALDERSON, West Virginia (UPI). — Sara Jane Moore, the madly FBI informer-turned-radical who tried to assassinate former president Gerald Ford, escaped with another inmate from a federal minimum security prison yesterday but was later recaptured about 40 km. away.

Moore, 48, and Marlene Martino, 35, fled from the minimum-security federal reformatory for women in Alderson.

They were recaptured by a police

officer in White Sulphur Springs about six hours later, apparently after walking there, in below-freezing temperatures.

Moore, who is serving a life sentence for her 1975 attempt on Ford's life in San Francisco, was a suburban, upper-middle-class housewife who became involved in San Francisco-area politics. She served as an informer for federal agents until she became converted to the cause of the radicals she spied on.

Eight dead in Philippine rebel clashes

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (UPI). — Moslem rebels recently killed eight persons including five army troops, in stepped up fighting in the rebellion-torn southern Philippines, military authorities said yesterday.

More than 130 persons died in two recent weeks of fighting on Basilan and Jolo islands, according to military sources in the south.

The most intense fighting was reported on Jolo island 160 km. west

of Zamboanga, where about 70 rebels and 100 troops were killed in the hills around the town of Indanan late last month. Indanan was raised five years ago by guerrillas of the breakaway Moro National Liberation Front at the height of fighting in the south.

SWISS. — The population of Switzerland rose by 40,000 last year, moving to 5,366,000 people from 5,326,000 in 1977, the Federal Statistics Bureau in Geneva said yesterday.

Soviet tapes to be heard on U.S. radio

CHICAGO (AP). — The manager of the WSDR radio station, who wants to broadcast tapes supplied by Radio Moscow, says he's "overjoyed" by the government's ruling that his small-town station does not have to register as a foreign agent.

"I'm glad the Justice Department decided in our favor. We saw a real possibility of getting involved in a basic First Amendment (freedom of speech) conflict over this thing," said station manager Carey Davis yesterday.

The station, located in Sterling, Illinois, a town of about 15,000 people 160 km. west of Chicago, received a letter in December from Radio Moscow offering free use of the tapes and it accepted, Davis said.

In a letter to the station's lawyers, the Justice Department said the station had no obligation to register as a foreign agent, although "based on the description of the programming you furnished, it appears that much of the material would fall within the definition of political propaganda."

Eritrean rebel offers to negotiate with Ethiopians

CAIRO (Reuters). — A leader of one of the Eritrean Liberation Front factions has expressed a willingness to negotiate with Ethiopian leaders without preconditions. But he reiterated that Eritrean independence remains a basic demand.

Ahmed Nasser, leader of the Eritrean Liberation Front-Revolutionary Council (ELF-RC), in an interview with the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) in Khartoum, published yesterday, said that "if we enter negotiations with the Ethiopians this does not mean we are giving up our national and legitimate objectives."

Asked if Eritreans wanted independence for Ethiopia's northernmost province immediately or in stages, Nasser said this could be worked out during negotiations. MENA reported.

"What is important is to achieve through peaceful means what we are trying to achieve through the armed struggle," MENA quoted Nasser as saying. He said Eritrean independence would not prevent Ethiopia from having access to the Red Sea, and that this issue could be solved within the context of international law.

North India riots claim two lives

NEW DELHI (AP). — Two persons were killed in the North India border town of Poonch yesterday, the third straight day of clashes between police and angry mobs.

The fatalities raised the death toll in the fighting to eight. At least 90 persons have been injured so far, according to India's United News wire service.

The riots are believed related to last year's agitation by jobless university graduates for teaching posts. Their three-month-long movement was marked by violence and left one person dead and a number of injured.

AMBASSADOR. — China's first woman ambassador to a foreign country Ting Huoh-sung, left Peking on Monday to take up her post in the Netherlands. She was formerly vice-president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.



Teng Hsiao-ping on arrival at Tokyo International Airport, with his wife Cho Lin. (UPI telephoto)

Teng ill, cancels day's events in Tokyo

TOKYO. — Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping arrived yesterday for talks with Japanese leaders after a nine-day visit to the U.S., but cancelled his first-day appointments because of a cold and fatigue.

Teng, making his second trip to Japan in a little more than four months, was to have met and dined with Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda at a banquet in his honor.

Teng is to meet with Sonoda and Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira today for talks expected to cover his

U.S. trip, the situation in the Korean peninsula and the recent Vietnam-backed invasion of Cambodia.

Sonoda and other Japanese and Chinese officials greeted him at Haneda airport on Tokyo's outskirts. U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield also was on hand to meet Teng. Some 8,000 armed police were at the airport to impose tight security.

Teng, who repeatedly attacked the Soviet Union during his U.S. tour, came to Japan at a time when

relations between Tokyo and Moscow are more strained than usual. Military sources said that the Russians have gone ahead with missile tests near the Japanese-claimed Kurile islands despite earlier Japanese protests against the exercise.

The Chinese leader was confined to his suite at the Tokyo Hotel, but last night's dinner given by Sonoda with other Chinese officials, including Foreign Minister Huang Hua, attending.

Mugabe lauded by two freed white men

SALISBURY (UPI). — Two white men just released after several months in black guerrilla captivity praised the insurgents yesterday as being well disciplined, and their leader — the man the government calls a power-lusting Marxist murderer — as decent and humane.

It was a stunning public relations coup for Patriotic Front leader Robert Mugabe and his guerrillas in terms never heard before at a government-organized function.

Rhodesian Foreign Ministry officials looked distinctly embarrassed as the two men, British-born James Black, 47, and 44-year-old South African Johannes Maartens, spoke favorably of the treatment they received as captives of Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army (ZANLA).

The two were among four white Rhodesian residents released to Amnesty International in the Mozambique capital of Maputo on Friday.

The news conference was opened by Rhodesian Foreign Minister Pieter van der Byl, who said it appears that the release was part of a "propaganda exercise" staged by Mugabe's group to coincide with the

conference of foreign ministers from non-aligned countries in Maputo. Asked if Rhodesia took reciprocal action, he said: "Not that I'm aware of."

Maartens said he was kidnapped from his farm in eastern Rhodesia in March by some 15 guerrillas who said they received a favourable report about him from his black labourers but wanted to teach him the truth about the conflict.

"I've learned a lot," Maartens said. He quoted the guerrillas as saying, "We are not going around killing people at random" and as denying vigorously any involvement in atrocities such as the massacre of 13 whites at the Elim Pentecostal mission in June.

He said the guerrillas looked after his safety both during the walk to Mozambique and when Rhodesian ground and air forces penetrated Mozambique to launch strikes against a guerrilla base where prisoners were held.

Maartens said Mugabe on two occasions visited white prisoners to make sure they were being well treated and once asked him if he had any request. "To be released and to go back to my family," Maartens said he replied. Mugabe said he

would look into the matter.

"I find him a very humane, decent man," Maartens said of Mugabe, adding that the guerrillas are well disciplined and their morale is high. Government officials maintain the exact opposite is true.

Black quoted the guerrillas as saying they always give a warning such as burning down a structure before attacking white farmers on their properties. He said his experience did not foster sympathy for the insurgents but "I have a better understanding of their motives."

Black said he found the guerrillas to be disciplined and that they did not mistreat him even though they must have known he is a reservist in the national police, which plays an important combat role. He said the guerrillas did not instruct him on what to say once back in Rhodesia. "They told me I could tell a pack of lies."

Government officials witnessing the news conference cringed. "Who organized this thing? Us or Mugabe," said one.

Security sources said no one who survives prolonged imprisonment under circumstances similar to Maartens and Black's can be expected to speak badly of his captors.

Vietnam says China crossed border, occupied territory

BANGKOK. — Vietnam yesterday accused Chinese troops of crossing into areas of a northern province, laying mines, clearing forests and occupying Vietnamese territory.

The Vietnam news agency, monitored in Bangkok, said almost 200 Chinese troops on Monday intruded into areas of Lang Son province, 180 km. northeast of Hanoi, and occupied many high points after clearing forests and destroying vegetables. Earlier yesterday, China made similar charges, saying two Chinese were killed and another two wounded when armed Vietnamese personnel intruded into Chinese border areas in the last few days.

The Vietnam news agency said that Chinese armed provocations had been on the increase and that thousands of Chinese troops were sent on Sunday to a Chinese border area opposite Vietnamese Lang Son province.

In Tokyo, a Japanese dispatch reported that military sources in Peking ruled out the possibility that China would launch a large-scale offensive against Vietnam, a Japanese dispatch reported yesterday.

The report said, however, that military experts did not rule out China might take a limited, punitive action against Hanoi. Kyodo news service said in a dispatch from Peking that Chinese forces deployed along the Sino-Vietnamese border far outnumber and are better equipped than the Vietnamese.

Kyodo quoted the sources as saying the Vietnamese forces are equipped with Soviet-supplied missiles. Militiamen, border guards and armed civilians are providing support for the Vietnamese regulars, it said.

Military experts from both Western and Eastern countries pointed out that it is Vietnam which is waiting for China to take military action because in such cases the Soviet-Vietnamese friendship and cooperation treaty signed last year will be invoked, Kyodo said. (AP, UPI)

Uganda resistance denies sabotage agents captured

NAIROBI (Reuters). — A Ugandan resistance movement which claims responsibility for bombings in Kampala at the weekend said yesterday that its saboteurs were still free in Uganda and there would be more attacks.

A spokesman for the newly announced Save Uganda Movement (SUM) in Nairobi told Reuters that Ugandan President Idi Amin's statement saying all the explosives involved in the sabotage attacks had been captured was false.

"There will be more attacks," the spokesman said. Uganda Radio, monitored in Nairobi, said on Monday that all those involved in the series of explosions were arrested and had confessed to being sent into Uganda by President Julius Nyerere of neighbouring Tanzania.

Yesterday, the radio modified its statement, referring only to saboteurs "so far captured."

Readin', ritin' and robbery

TOKYO (AP). — A 15-year-old boy slipped away from his high school yesterday, held up a bank with a model gun and a knife and ran off with a million yen (US\$6,000).

No one was hurt, and the boy returned to school, showed the money to a classmate and said, "I just robbed a bank." When the police came, he told them: "I lost interest in school life. The bank robbery was the best way to be expelled from school."

IN BRIEF

Moscow asks Peking to join nuclear talks

GENEVA (AP). — The Soviet Union yesterday called on China to join nuclear weapons control talks. Soviet delegate Viktor Isakov issued the invitation to Peking, reviving an old Soviet proposal for nuclear disarmament in the nation disarmament conference. He said Moscow was convinced China "will at last realize that joining disarmament questions must counter to the interests both of general peace and the Chinese itself."

Isakov said that in order to make progress in nuclear disarmament negotiations it was "necessary" that all nuclear states also had a vital stake in ending the problem.

Peking is not represented in the Geneva talks. The Chinese government has told the UN it is intended to join "at an appropriate time."

The Bard back on the boards in China

TOKYO (AP). — A Shanghai play is staging the first public performance of a foreign play in China 18 years — Shakespeare's "The Ado About Nothing." China's Hua news agency reported yesterday.

All tickets for the 16 scheduled performances — in Chinese — were out in three days. Hua added that the principal actors and designers are the same group who presented the drama to the graduating students of the Shanghai drama school.

'Dead marriage' bill passes Greek test

ATHENS (UPI). — Parliament yesterday approved the first reading of a bill introduced by the government that would provide for a month period during which couples would be made easier for those wishing to dissolve a marriage.

The bill, known by its supporters as "The Dead Marriages Bill" and by its opponents as "The Cooling-Off Law," applies to couples who have been separated for over six months but where one partner will not go to divorce. It would provide a month period during which the spouse alone could effect the dissolution of the marriage.

At the moment, Greek law allows divorce only in the case of adultery or by common consent.

Pilot meets snake at high altitude

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — A civilian helicopter pilot was seized by a snake, a pilot said yesterday. The pilot, who was flying over a mountainous area, was seized by a large snake. The pilot was not hurt, but the snake was killed.

Miffed, Erasmus took off only to have the snake reappear. Passengers attacked the snake, which alighted under a seat, and the pilot returned to Nelspruit, where search began anew. This time the snake was found wrapped around the helicopter rotor mast and killed.

Japanese satellite orbiting earth

TOKYO (UPI). — Japanese scientists said yesterday that they had successfully launched an experimental communication satellite into orbit around the earth.

The National Space Development Agency said the satellite was aloft with a three-stage Japanese developed rocket from its spaceport at Tanegashima on the southern tip of Japan yesterday evening.

The agency said it will later put the craft into stationary orbit to test communications with existing high frequency waves.

Int'l body confirms Karpov's victory

OLTEN, Switzerland (AP). — International Chess Federation confirmed the victory of Soviet Union, rejecting Soviet Union's demand for a rematch. The Soviet Union had claimed a draw in the final game of the world championship match between Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi.

A communiqué said that a meeting of the 10-man FIDE bureau at a closed meeting in Graz, Austria, at the protest by the Soviet Union grandmaster was filed and could not be accepted.

STRIKE. — The Moroccan television system was almost paralyzed yesterday when a group of professors declared a 48-hour strike and joined 68,000 primary and secondary school teachers since Monday for more pay.

Sexologists flock to fill local need

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Sex experts have been responding to a report in The Jerusalem Post that Misgav Ladach Hospital in Jerusalem was looking for a sexologist, hospital director Dr. Macabee Salzberger said yesterday. So far, he said, 15 sexologists have applied to the hospital. Five live in Israel and 10, from the U.S., read about the need for their profession in The Post International Edition. One American sexologist said he and his family were coming on aliya in an emigre who wanted to return to Israel. All the U.S. applicants said they could speak Hebrew. One local applicant is an Orthodox rabbi.

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Rhodesia: Unclear decision in the poll

By PAUL ELLMAN
Observer Foreign News Service

ALISBURY. — Premier Ian Smith's crushing victory in the referendum of white voters over the proposed majority rule constitution has made Rhodesia's political grip on the white community right up to the point where its future is in considerable doubt. It certainly does nothing to bring peace or world recognition any closer.

However, the result of the poll — in which 99 per cent of the 1.2 million white voters in Rhodesia voted in favour of the new constitution — has left the Rhodesian prime minister in a stronger position in relation to the three black politicians involved with the internal settlement agreement.

The three — Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Reverend Dabengwi Sithole, and Chief Jeremiah Chirwa — have all predicted the outcome of the white vote.

Yet, as Smith has made clear, he expects the three to match his performance and show that they enjoy an equally sweeping mandate from Rhodesia's 6.8 million blacks. Their tenth period of office will come on April 20 when the elections for the new parliament of Rhodesia are held.

The bill, known as "The Dead Marriage Bill," will take place. It applies to the three blacks is not much the size of the poll each wins at April but rather whether they can divorce it. It is a major portion of the tenth period of office that a major portion of the black electorate turns out to vote. It is a major portion of the tenth period of office that a major portion of the black electorate turns out to vote.

At the moment, only one of the three — Robert Mugabe, who vowed to prevent blacks from voting April 20 as part of their campaign to overthrow Smith and the black "internal" leaders — is expected to do so.

The government for its part has judged that the election will take place, despite the fact that close on



Placid street in Bulawayo belies the fact that the country is at war. (David Frank)

99 per cent of Rhodesia is currently under martial law.

James Callaghan, the British prime minister, has already indicated that the existence of martial law makes it highly unlikely that the April 20 elections will be free and fair. In view of the broadsides the Patriotic Front is currently making, it is now considered certain that Britain will use martial law as an excuse for dissolving the April 20 constitution for fear that it could find itself backing a losing horse.

The very real extent to which the Labour government is determined not to recognize the present transitional government or indeed any other which might arise from the March 3 agreement appears to have escaped Smith and his black partners, who have all publicly stated that the vote by whites in favour of the new constitution marks a step towards securing international recognition.

Smith has said that conservative members of the U.S. Congress sympathetic to his government are gaining strength and could force President Carter to switch his administration's policy, and by extension that of Britain. Again, the limited influence of conservative congressmen and senators on a southern President concerning racial matters also appears to have escaped Smith.

The Rhodesian prime minister is entitled to claim that last Tuesday's plebiscite confirmed that the 10,000 strong White minority has overwhelmingly accepted that a black government is now inevitable and that this good will should be exploited to build peace.

Swiss opening from Korchnoi

LETTER FROM GENEVA Iris Roberts

CHESS CHAMPION Victor Korchnoi has made a very pitiful impression in Geneva. Korchnoi came here to participate in a chess tournament, directly from Israel where he had declared on television and to the press that he would settle in Israel and join the Israeli chess team. In Geneva he contradicted himself by stating that he had no intention of living in Israel, that he wanted to become a Swiss citizen, and that life was much nicer in Switzerland than in Israel.

When asked why he had changed his mind he said, "While I was in Israel representatives of the Knesset made me believe that they would help me in getting my wife and son out of Russia."

"When I realized they could not give me concrete guarantees I changed my mind."

Korchnoi was also most undiplomatic when he told a press conference, "Groups in Israel deal in exchanging dissidents against spies. Switzerland should do the same for my family."

Korchnoi, whose Russian passport was taken away by the Soviet authorities two weeks ago, lives in a small town near Zurich with a woman of Dutch origin who accompanies him on all his trips and acts as his secretary.

SWISS OFFICIALS are worried at the possibility of the imperial Iranian family deciding to request permission to live in exile in Switzerland.

The Shah went to school at "Le Rosey," the famous high school near Lausanne where sons of monarchs and millionaires study. He had hoped his son would also go to "Le Rosey," but the Swiss would not guarantee the boy's safety.

The imperial family also used to spend extensive winter skiing vacations in their house in the elegant mountain resort of St. Moritz.

The Shah has recently transferred large sums of money to various numbered accounts in Swiss banks. The Swiss cannot object to his coming but it would create many problems and require heavy security measures which the Swiss are not too eager to supply. Last year, the Shah went skiing in the U.S. because the Swiss could not guarantee full security during his vacation.

If the Shah decides to live in Switzerland he will be in royal company. King Michael of Rumania, Queen Marie Jose of Italy and her son Prince Vittorio Emmanuel, who used to have business contacts with the Shah, live near Geneva.

But the Shah has many enemies in Switzerland, mainly among the Iranian students, who have demonstrated against his regime. Further, Switzerland's Labour Party declared recently that it would oppose the Shah's settling in Switzerland. They say, "Switzerland should not become an exile country for tyrants."

AN ARAB PRINCESS showed up in a Geneva jewellery store recently and purchased a necklace, matching earrings and a bracelet. The total value was \$32,000. The saleslady was so excited about her sale that she forgot to take the exact name of the princess when the latter ordered her to have the bill sent to her husband. The princess had left the shop by the



Korchnoi at the board.

time the saleslady realized her oversight. She talked to the shop owner who went through his customer list. As the customer could not be identified he decided to bill all princes he had on record, expecting 15 complaints and one payment. The 16 princes promptly mailed 16 cheques. The shop owner still doesn't know to whom the money should be returned.

Four hours of talk but UK fails to take tough stand against the Arab boycott Whitehall passes

By HYAM CORNEY/Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The government has again failed to take a tough stand against the Arab boycott.

At the end of a four-and-a-half hour debate in the House of Lords last week, the government spokesman, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, made one or two minor concessions but left those who have been campaigning for anti-boycott legislation, or at least for a more active government opposition to the boycott, bitterly disappointed.

Goronwy-Roberts made it clear in his summing up that a prime consideration of the government was to do nothing that would impede a Middle East settlement, would upset this country's friendly relations with Israel and the Arab world, or would jeopardize its trade with the Middle East. He therefore rejected the suggestion that Britain should take the initiative in putting the question on the agenda of the Council of Ministers.

This suggestion was one of the recommendations made by the select committee of the House of Lords, which was set up to examine the foreign boycotts bill of Lord Byers. The committee heard a mass

of evidence from all over the world (including from Dan Halperin of Israel's Finance Ministry) but its report published last summer it did not recommend anti-boycott legislation. It did, however, make a number of suggestions aimed at reducing the effectiveness of the boycott.

JEWS and Israeli circles had high hopes of most, if not all, of the recommendations being accepted. But they were disappointed.

On the question of the Foreign Office practice of authenticating signatures on negative certificates of origin — a practice which is regarded in the Arab world as official sanction of the boycott itself — Lord Goronwy-Roberts held out some hope. He told the House that the government would "assess more thoroughly the matter and examine the desirability and practicality of

ceasing the authentication of signatures." He also promised to see whether more could be done to promote trade with Israel and the Arab world.

Perhaps the most hopeful element of his speech came when he promised to amend the note of guidance issued by government authorities to businessmen seeking guidance when confronted with a boycott demand. At present, the government deprecates the boycott but leaves it to "the commercial judgment" of the companies concerned. In the Lords debate, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, who described himself as a friend of Israel, pledged: "I can assure the House that there will be a strong clarificatory addition to the existing guidance note."

DESPITE THIS concession, the mood after the debate in anti-boycott circles was grim. Lord Fisher of Camden, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who had taken part in the debate, said that he was "very disappointed. We shall persist."

The anti-boycott co-ordinating committee set up by the Jewish community described the outcome of the debate as "discouraging." The government response had been "grudging and hesitant."

"During the debate, supporters of the boycott emphasized the growing volume of trade between Britain and the Arab world. Exports from Britain to the Arabs last year increased from £2.7b. in 1977 to £3.1b. Exports to Israel were only just over £240m., a drop of 11 per cent over the previous year. At least some of the decrease is attributed here to the boycott."

Among those who took part in the debate and supported the call for tougher anti-boycott measures were Lord Byers himself, publisher Lord Weidenfeld (a former political assistant to Chaim Weizmann), and Lord Janner, president of the Zionist Federation and chairman of the Israel committee of the Board of Deputies.

Meeting and socialism with Thai guerrillas Rendezvous in the jungle

By a Special Correspondent
Observer Foreign News Service

INTERESTED, offering food, materials, information, and their children or themselves to the ranks of the Liberation Forces.

But shortcomings persisted. Individualism, moral laxness, loose tongues, personality conflicts. They must be identified, thought about, discussed and corrected. Closer attention must be paid to the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Mao Tse-tung.

BUT THE LIKES of Comrade Jin, though strong on commitment and practical experience, could never have conjured up the evening's entertainment. This gave the first clue about the nature of the recent leap in CPT ranks, one day, perhaps, to be viewed as its watershed.

"They attacked us, they shot us, they killed us," Sanam Luang wept, the tamarind tree sang a lament. "Remember, please remember — blood debts will be paid..."

The song, sung by "city comrades," recalled October 6, 1970, when right-wing vigilantes and heavily armed police attacked protesting students at Bangkok's Thammasat University. An orgy of violence ended a three-year flirtation with parliamentary democracy, and the military heavyweights were back in power.

gave the lead in a stunning mix of traditional music and dance, street theatre and political satire, burlesque, revolutionary rock and roll and audience participation.

BUT ENTERTAINMENT is not their only contribution. A hospital and recuperation centre—for the wounded and nursing mothers—is run by two Bangkok-trained doctors. There's a unit producing books, pamphlets and posters, a 2,000-volume library, a forge where mines and booby-traps are manufactured and weapons repaired.

Nearby, a "tailor's shop" turns out uniforms and flags (red), and by the river a former literature student from Thammasat led a study session on "the first practical requirements of a good revolutionary."

Self-sufficiency, from captured weapons to home-made saline solution, characterizes the war in the south. It's pure Mao Tse-tung.

In the villages (Comrade Jin said his and three other units were active in every district of the Tri-Province area, and put support at 30 per cent of the population), the cadres encourage farmers into cooperative effort and help them to break their dependence on money lenders and rice merchants.

They're advised on hygiene and sanitation, encouraged to appeal to the Party as an honest broker in local disputes.

Military action — ambush, assassination, attacks on police stations — seeks to reinforce and widen the opportunities for political control, and must be cheap. Comrade Jin detailed 50 engagements over the year: 32 "enemies" dead as against three CPT, with scores of weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition captured.

On the national level the tactic is "United Front," encouraging all "progressives" to join ranks with the Party. Thus, though the leaders of socialist, worker farmer and student groups within the "Committee to Coordinate Democratic and Patriotic Groups" follow the CPT, they seek to win wider support by maintaining a facade of separate identity.

THE HOLLOW, on a potholed kethball court, some 200 troops of Liberation Army were on ade. They were young, a third of m women and girls, and armed an assortment of weapons — American M-1 carbines, M-16s, FN's, odd M-79 grenade launcher and dum machine-guns — all, I'm later, captured from the enemy.

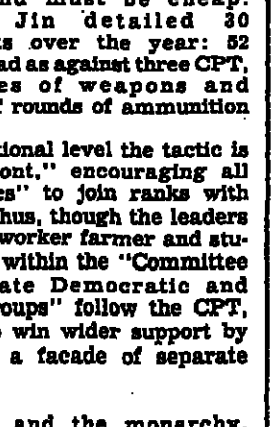
The visit was timed to coincide with the 36th birthday celebrations of the Communist Party of Thailand (CPT). Instead of the normal routine of training, study and work, the marg was given over to political speeches and reviews of the year, afternoon to competitive sport, the evening to entertainment.

Illagers, political cadres, people a the city, troops from other a the Tri-Provin- ce area, and other idlist monks had arrived to share festivities.

The large meeting hall-cum- theatre a "fighter" had them chuckling in the aisles a vignettes of his comrades' slop- es — losing each other in the st, falling asleep on duty and the st. The message was "stay alert, vigilant and careful at all times."

fore weighty fare came from the for political and military cadre al (Comrade) Jin — the name, everyone else's, a nom de erre. "The Party, our new her, offers you a gift on her day," he says, "throw away old s, and she will give you new s."

he year had seen progress. over villagers feared the CPT, re were welcome and in-



King Bhumibol: a sensitive issue.

Two thousand people took to the forests, says the CPT. Most were students, some teachers, social and medical workers, trades unionists and radical politicians. Comrade Jin said 200 arrived in the Tri-Province area, 50 in his camp.

Many had expected worse conditions. The two meals a day — bowls of grey rice topped with a sauce of shrimp paste and chillies, massive but uninteresting, varied with "kitchen garden" produce and whatever the jungle offers (last month they ate bear meat for two days) — the hard bamboo platforms that serve as beds, baths in the river, the taxing physical training and study have all become routine.

Sex before marriage is forbidden, and marriage is discouraged for boys below 23 and girls below 20. Few smoke cigarettes, none drink alcohol. But if the morality smacks of a Sunday school outing, so does their cheerfulness, warmth and eagerness to contribute.

Between 7:30 p.m. and dawn they



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...THE STORY BEGINS far away...
...in the picture gallery and...
...the Minister Neville Chamberlain...
...the two sides. In late 1937...
...the Arab world in Palestine...
...began its second, more violent...
...age, and the Mufti of Jerusalem...
...Amin el Husseini, had died to...
...the Arab opposition felt...
...at the time had come to...
...constitute itself as a political force...
...in the fate of the country...
...in its hands.

...aution was called for. Although...
...opposition, headed by Raghib...
...Nashashibi's National Defence...
...Party, the Arab world in Palestine...
...was wary of being too...
...closely identified with the Zionists...
...October 1937, Moshe Shertok...
...of the Political Department of...
...Jewish Agency, was sceptical...
...at the chances of cooperation...
...the Nashashibis. "It might be...
...thwhile," he noted in his diary.

...ONLY NATURAL I suppose...
...I associate some patients with...
...habits. When I think about...
...reservations, the Arab world in...
...mind. When she leaves my...
...room in the moshav clinic, I...
...usually cover my ears for the...
...crash of her exit. At least...
...used to be the case.

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"to help an Arab group which had the courage of its convictions — or interests — but lacked the other necessities; but... it was no use at all wasting money and political efforts in order to help those who were still terrorized into a state of complete self-hatred."

MONEY WAS INDEED the name of the game. In March 1938 Raghib asked the Political Department to arrange for the Anglo-Palestine Bank to give him a £5,000 loan at eight per cent interest so that he could settle his personal debts, fight the Mufti's terrorists and buy two newspapers to propagate the cause of peace.

Such requests, which reached the Jewish Agency with monotonous regularity, were hardly designed to dispel Zionist apprehensions about the efficacy of cooperating with the Nashashibis.

But circumstances overtook both



The uncle: Raghib Nashashibi.

sides. An increase in the frequency and intensity of Arab attacks against the British, the Yishuv and certain Arab targets in the late summer and autumn of 1938 brought the Jewish Agency and the Nashashibis together in a brief alliance.

When, on November 9, 1938, the British government announced that it would convene a Palestine conference in London, it became important for the Zionists to demonstrate that the Palestinian Arabs were not united behind the extremist and un-

IAN BLACK looks back at a famous London conference that marked a turning point in relations between Jews and Arabs.

St. James anniversary

compromising demands of Haj Amin and his supporters.

This wasn't easy. As the Hebrew press commented unanimously at the time, there was no basic difference between the Nashashibis and the Mufti on their basic attitude towards the Jewish National Home. But the opposition leaders had at least talked of "guaranteeing justice and equality for the two peoples living in this country," while the Mufti had talked only of "minorities."

Fakhri Nashashibi, who favoured taking a more activist line than his uncle Raghib, began a campaign against the Mufti — "confident that he will succeed and fully cognizant that failure means death" — with a highly successful mass meeting at Yotam near Hebron.

The Palestine Post summed up the attitude of the Yishuv: "If the Jews are encouraged by the revival of the opposition to Haj Amin it is not because they expect it to be more favourable to Zionist aims, but because it is a move against the use of the gun and the bomb which have disgraced Palestine for so long."

The Post rejected charges that the Jews were financing Fakhri's activities. The bulk of the cash support for the opposition, apart from some from sympathetic government officials, however, was coming from Pinhas Rutenberg, the stubborn, individualist Russian-Jewish engineer who had founded the Palestine Electric Corporation.

RUTENBERG, who often annoyed the Jewish Agency by carrying on his own independent policies, believed that support for the Emir Abdullah in Transjordan and his Nashashibi allies in Palestine could secure Arab acquiescence in the partition scheme proposed by the Peel Commission in July 1937. He paid out thousands of pounds to Abdullah during the 1930s as well as smaller sums to Transjordanian officials who kept him informed of their master's

wishes.

The impetuous and mercurial Rutenberg was convinced that Fakhri could save the day. But the Political Department, with a distaste for bakshesh (despite the fact that it, too, paid Abdullah — and other Arabs — generously) remained sceptical. Legal adviser Bernard (Dov) Joseph wrote acerbically that Elie Blachar, Rutenberg's adviser on Arab affairs, was "no doubt capable of handing out money lavishly but he



The nephew: Fakhri Nashashibi.

is not so particular as to worry about any quid pro quo whatsoever."

AS THE DATE of the conference approached, Zionist propaganda efforts were based on a two-pronged approach. It was suggested, on the one hand, that the Arab opposition would be helpless in the face of the Mufti's terror if it joined his delegation, and, on the other, that the opposition was in fact a powerful force whose views were worthy of the government's consideration.

Lec Kohn of the Political Department (who also wrote editorials for The Palestine Post) jotted down the following "notes for letters to left-wing men." "It was absurd," he wrote, "to call the opposition, which represents the creative party in the country, by the name of opposition as though the Mufti were in power and these are just a lot of cantankerous nuisances."

Practical steps were taken to publicize popular discontent with the Mufti. The Political Department arranged a meeting between a senior British army intelligence officer and the people of Abu Ghosh, near Jerusalem, who had strongly condemned the terrorists and had appealed to the government to encourage moderate Arab elements. "Such demonstrations of divergences of opinion between the Mufti's clique and other Arabs are all to the good," Joseph noted.

Considerable efforts were also made to ensure that Raghib's National Defence Party stuck to its demand for equal representation with the Mufti's delegates and that Fakhri accompany his uncle to London "to prevent R. from knuckling under to the Arab extremists."

But contacts behind the scenes in London were complicated by the fact that there were two different operations going on — one run by the Political Department and the other by Rutenberg, who had already poured almost £5,000 into the Nashashibi efforts by the beginning of February. He hoped that his clients would boycott the conference and thus force the Mufti "to show his hand."

The difficulties were overwhelming. British Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald spared no efforts to persuade Raghib and his colleagues to join the Mufti's men. Reuven Zaslani (Shiloh), the Political Department's Arab affairs expert, went with the Jewish delegation to London to keep tabs on what

the other side was up to and he reported to Bernard Joseph on how the British succeeded in uniting the Arabs.

"FROM THE MOMENT the Nashashibis arrived in London," Zaslani wrote on February 12, "Malcolm MacDonald tried to effect a reconciliation between them and the Mufti's delegation. He personally dashed about like a messenger boy from hotel to hotel and delegation to delegation. He told the opposition leaders that Arab interests required a united front... although he knew perfectly well on the basis of information we've sent him from Jerusalem that the Nashashibi position is quite different from the Mufti's."

But the energetic MacDonald would only agree to accept the Nashashibis if Fakhri was excluded. The opposition, on the other hand,



Pinhas Rutenberg.

made Fakhri's inclusion a condition of their agreement to join the united delegation. MacDonald did what any self-respecting colonial secretary would have done under the circumstances. "He resorted," Zaslani wrote, "to cunning."

On the morning of Wednesday,

February 8, the day after the Arab delegation (from Egypt, Transjordan, Iraq, Yemen and Saudi Arabia) went to the hotel where the opposition was staying. Before Fakhri woke they took Raghib and Suleiman Tuqan (another opposition leader from Nabulus) to MacDonald's room at the Colonial Office, where, by lunchtime, they had been persuaded to drop Fakhri and join the Mufti's team.

When Fakhri found out about his uncle's surrender, Zaslani reported, "he jumped up as though he had been bitten by a snake and cursed Raghib." Fakhri began packing his bags but Raghib begged him to stay, and promised that he would immediately "fall ill" to prevent him participating in the Arab delegation's meetings with the government.

Although both Fakhri and Zaslani assiduously cultivated Raghib's infirmity, it could not be prolonged indefinitely. And anyway, his agreement in principle to join the Hussein delegation without Fakhri had irrevocably weakened the opposition's stand. After pressure from Iraqi Premier Nuri Said, Raghib put in his first appearance at the palace on February 16, eight days after the conference had begun. The rest, as they say, is history.

THE COURSE of the conference held few surprises for the Zionists. They watched as the British government gave in — in spite of superb performances by Weizmann and Shertok — to the Arab demands. But no one had really expected otherwise. The familiar arguments, cogent and persuasive as they were, could not sway the British Empire from its course.

Palestine Post editor Gershon Aginsky captured the mood: "I've made and renewed valuable contacts. But what good are they or anything anybody can do? We're up against a force that's decided to let us down. We knew it in Jerusalem and it looks a certainty here... For myself, I don't see what there is to cause surprise or consternation. But evidently the drinking of the dregs of blackmail is bitter than mere anticipation."

Recalling a 'grand slam' case

A DOCTOR'S NOTEBOOK/Dr. David Samson

I asked Rivka to sit down again so that I could put her mind at rest about her mother's health.

"TRIGEMINAL NEURALGIA, or as it is sometimes known the *dolorosa*, can certainly be most unpleasant and very painful. Its name comes from the nerve that is the root of all the trouble, the trigeminal nerve, which normally conveys all the sensations felt from the side of the face to the brain."

"The main feature of the neuralgia, which is just another way of saying a painful nerve, is frequent attacks of pain in the area of the cheek, nose and lips on the affected side. These are usually described as shooting, or lancinating, by the unfortunate sufferer. These last only for a few seconds, or up to a minute or two, in most instances but may occur in quick succession, causing great distress. Attacks may start spontaneously, but often may be triggered off by all sorts of minor stimuli."

"Yes," interrupted Rivka, "when I visited her last week, I slammed the kitchen door rather hard and that seemed to set off an attack. She was in agony for a minute or two, and the side of her face was all winced up."

"That's the *tic de la dolorosa*, which is a spasm of the painful spasm. Sometimes it occurs as a reaction to the severe pain. Attacks can also be set off by such actions as blowing the nose, touching a sensitive spot on the affected side of the face or simply by eating."

"The cause of the condition is rather a mystery, because most people with these symptoms have no other upset or ill-health whatsoever. Similar pain can, however, result from other conditions in the area such as teeth or sinus trouble and some eye conditions, as well as from some rare brain and nervous disorders. Such possibilities always have to be ruled out. But, as I said, in the vast majority of cases no such underlying trouble is discovered, no

good reason is found to explain why the nerve should react the way it does."

RIVKA told me that her mother's family doctor had referred her to a neurologist soon after the attacks started, who did various tests and X-rays before coming to the final diagnosis. She had been given tablets to take regularly although her doctor told Rivka in confidence that surgery might ultimately be needed. "I was a bit worried about that," Rivka commented.

"Well you needn't be. Not only have all these investigations seemingly excluded any specific nervous or other disease behind your mother's complaint, but the drugs she is taking ought also to control the pain and make any chance of surgery remote. Until not long ago drug treatment often wasn't very successful in providing relief, and surgical intervention was often the only way to ease the anguish. The procedures undertaken were aimed

at 'interfering' with the conduction of pain impulses along the nerve, either by cutting it at some point or by paralyzing it by injection.

"Fortunately a drug is now available — not, I should say, a normal pain-killing drug — that usually has a dramatic and quite specific effect in curtailing the frequency and severity of attacks in trigeminal neuralgia. The need for surgery has been reduced substantially. Let's hope for a good result with your mother, too."

LAST WEEK I had another visit from Rivka, and she was accompanied by her mother, who had come to stay at the moshav for a few days. She asked for a repeat prescription for her "neuralgia tablets," as she called them, and I was happy to oblige. I learnt that since she had been taking them, the attacks of pain had all but disappeared. The neurologist wanted her to continue taking them a little longer before stopping them. If, after that, the pains should recur, another course could be taken.

As they got up to leave the clinic, I automatically raised my hands to my ears. This time, to my surprise, the door was closed with unprecedented silence. Some bad habits are cured in the most unlikely ways.

woman began having intercourse after four therapy sessions; the young man sheepishly appeared at the second session and told the therapist that, although he was not "supposed to," he had already overcome his difficulty.

AMONG THOSE problems especially relevant to Israel are those faced by religious Jews. For example, they said that a religious woman may not know if she is permitted to masturbate according to Jewish law and be too embarrassed to ask a rabbinical authority, or even a knowledgeable religious woman. This causes difficulty, as masturbation is a part of the therapy.

They also pointed out that a large number of Israelis practise birth control by *coitus interruptus*, which is a particularly unreliable method. Most people just don't know there is a seepage of semen before ejaculation, they said.

Ninety-six per cent claim marked improvement in their school work and claim to feel more at ease in class as a result of having a tutor. As the majority of pupils come from economically and culturally deprived backgrounds, and often from overcrowded homes, they are proud to be chosen for the programme.

"My tutor showed me how to pick out books in the library and taught me why it is important to read," according to Ilana, a fifth grade pupil in Kiryat Yam. "She brings me newspapers, and we read together about what is happening in the world. I never read a newspaper before because no one buys them in my family."

The programme also has a positive effect on the university students. Raya Lipstein, co-ordinator of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem branch of "Perach," says that many students are shocked at the deprivation in homes of their pupils. "They are becoming acquainted with another, large part of Israeli society and hopefully, they are becoming better citizens for the experience."

Of the scholarships, Lipstein says, "Even though the money (IL3,500) is an important aid to students, it doesn't compare with a salary that could be earned in any job during the school year." She minimizes this factor as an important incentive.

The number of participants is expected to double by 1980-81. It already reaches from the centre of the country to development towns and agricultural settlements, as well as to Arab, Druse and Beduin villages.

Therapy for sex problems

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

When dealing with couples, they said, they usually interview the two together, and then each person talks to the therapist of his or her sex.

Often a person is unwilling to talk openly to someone of the opposite sex about intimate problems, they noted. When all four come together to talk, each member of the couple feels he has his own therapist speaking up for them.

The most common problems troubling men are the inability to have an erection and premature ejaculation. For women, a major

problem is the failure to reach an orgasm.

OFTEN, they added, the basis of these difficulties are the myths about sex in contemporary society. One such myth is the desirability of simultaneous orgasm.

For men, and Israeli men in particular, they said, there is the myth that a real man, a *gevur*, can perform whenever and as often as he is called upon to do so. A man who mistakenly believes he should be able to do this exacerbates his frustration

and tension when he can't "perform."

The two counsellors work as private therapists and as part of a special Hebrew University students clinic. There is no public clinic for sexual problems in Jerusalem. Their fees for private consultation are similar to those of other psychotherapists, they said.

Specific problems ranged from a woman who had not consummated her marriage after 11 months to a young man who was unable to have sex with a new girlfriend. The

BLOSSOMING PROJECT

By JANET MENDELSON/Special to The Jerusalem Post



(Rabbiager)

are chosen for the programme," according to Amos Carmeli, nationwide director of the project. "It is important to try to close the gap before the high school years."

Student co-ordinators, working in

close contact with the schools meet with every child and family before matching takes place.

Parents are extremely pleased with the project, according to a study being conducted at the Weiz-

mann Institute of Science. Preliminary results show that 90 per cent of the involved parents report progress in their child's school work. Even more pleased than the adults are the youngsters themselves.

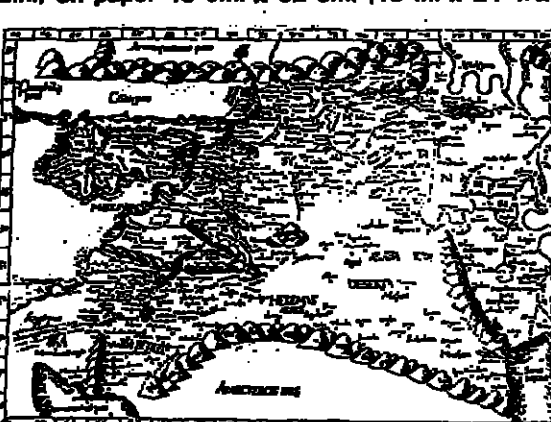
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By JOSEPH MOGENSEN
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The proposed government plan of offering linked mortgages as a solution for the housing problem is running into some formidable opposition.

Linked mortgages — a fool's paradise?

K. Reich, who is the general manager of the Israel Development and Mortgage Bank as well as chairman of the Mortgage Bank Association, has analyzed the implications of linked mortgages. Reich agrees with the initial assumption that a mortgage whose principal and interest are linked to the cost-of-living index provides for low monthly payments in its early stages. But shortly afterwards the payments rise to a point where they become increasingly difficult to maintain.

Another point to which the Treasury appears to have paid little attention is the fact that the apartment owner will not be able to sell his property, since the balance of principal owed will over the course of the years become excessively large, Reich said.

In support of these allegations Reich has prepared various tables indicating the repayment burden on a mortgage under different rates of inflation.

A IL200,000 mortgage bearing 7.5 per cent interest, linked, under annual inflation of 50 per cent, will work out as follows:

The first monthly payment, before index linkage takes effect, will be IL4,160. At the end of the third year the monthly payment will be IL5,380 and at the end of the seventh year it will be IL7,440.

If the owner wants to sell his apartment after four years, he will find that the balance of the principal stands at IL581,320. If he wishes to

sell after six years, he will have to return a principal of IL702,760. Using a more realistic rate of annual inflation, 35 per cent, and again considering a IL200,000 mortgage, for eight years, the first payment, before the index goes into effect, will be IL3,740. After the third year it will be IL4,840. After the seventh year the monthly payment will be IL6,270.

If the owner wants to sell after four years, he will find that the balance of principal still owed is IL381,380. After six years it will still be IL373,430.

Reich has also calculated the course of a IL200,000 mortgage for 20 years linked to the C-I index, but bearing no interest. This example corresponds to the Treasury's proposal for a new mortgage system for new immigrants, young couples and the underprivileged.

The initial payment, before the effect of the index, will be IL834 a month. Here Reich points out is the "almost magic attraction of the low initial repayment." However, already in the fourth year the monthly payment will rise to IL2,082, and in the tenth year to IL13,430 a month.

In the 20th year the monthly payment will be an incredibly high IL249,752, and all this on an original mortgage for IL200,000. The balance of the principal owed becomes extremely high, too. At the end of the tenth year, for example, if the apartment holder wants to sell, he will have to return a balance on account

of principal of IL2m. (two million pounds). Copies of the tables used in the study, along with letters to the Deputy Finance Minister, Yeheskel

A IL400,000 loan at 7.5 per cent for monthly payment IL1388.4

	35%	50%	60%
end of first year	1870	2080	2220
end of second year	2530	3120	3550
end of third year	3420	4680	5690
end of fourth year	4610	7030	9100
end of fifth year	6300	10,540	14,560
end of sixth year	8430	15,810	23,290
end of seventh year	11,350	23,720	37,270
Last monthly payment	15,800	35,580	56,630

	Unlinked calculation	Interest	Interest
	35%	50%	60%
	3113.8	4251.1	5046.5

	Monthly payment for 8 years	Interest	Interest
		35%	50%
end of first year	97,220	98,720	99,260
end of second year	98,280	96,630	97,920
end of third year	97,730	93,220	95,530
end of fourth year	78,890	87,550	91,220
end of fifth year	68,630	78,560	83,600
end of sixth year	53,210	63,720	69,630
end of seventh year	31,150	39,510	44,720

	Not linked	Including linkage	60%
	35%	50%	60%
end of first year	90,520	123,220	135,780
end of second year	80,300	146,310	180,670
end of third year	69,290	170,490	233,860
end of fourth year	57,420	190,690	290,660
end of fifth year	44,630	200,120	338,870
end of sixth year	30,850	188,740	351,380
end of seventh year	16,000	130,750	273,360

Flomim, and to David Levy, Minister of Housing and Construction, have been received by The Jerusalem Post.

In his letters to the ministers Reich points out that the system of linked mortgages was not workable in the 1960s under conditions of 10 per cent annual inflation. It will certainly not achieve the desired results under current and anticipated conditions of inflation. In view of these findings he asks the government to reconsider the programme.

U.S. expert views our labour scene

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — "To hear Israelis of all people putting up their hands and giving up on the labour situation as hopeless, comes as a shock to us." This was stated by Wayne L. Horvitz, director of the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, in an interview with The Jerusalem Post at the Technion yesterday.

"You who have thrived in a hopeless situation for years, surely aren't going to give up on a little thing like this? Put the best minds in the country to work on the situation and solve it," he said.

Horvitz, who has come here for a fortnight as the guest of the Technion's Samuel Neuman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology Studies, will participate in a two-day seminar on labour relations to be held by the institute next week.

He refused to be drawn into any other comment on Israeli labour relations, "because I'm a guest here."

He said that the Mediation Service, which he has headed for two years, worked as an independent agency to guarantee its impartiality. It has become accepted by management and labour as a neutral organization, he added. Officially, the Service is called in to mediate disputes, actual or brewing, only at the invitation of both parties, but in fact "we monitor the situation all the time and offer our services when trouble looms."

This year will be a particularly busy one as the contracts in almost all the major industries, except steel, are up for renewal. Our 235 mediators, stationed all over the U.S., start looking into situations months in advance. By the time a contract is about to expire I know the issues and the people involved, he said.

Our services are very rarely turned down, Horvitz said, but



Wayne Horvitz

sometimes we take a case to the press, and that helps.

Although his purpose is to prevent strikes, he feels that "sometimes a strike may be necessary." It is a way of letting off steam when everything else has failed "and it may be necessary to let both sides have a go at it."

Such a situation occurred in the coal industry just over a year ago, where 3,000 wildcat strikes had been called during the period of the last contract, culminating in a 110-day strike in December 1977. Following the settlement a Presidential Coal Commission was set up to get at the root of the bad labour relations. (In Israel one recalls the protracted seamen's strike last year, which also resulted in a new page being turned.)

"One healthy result of strikes is that both parties eventually realize that nobody wins a strike, and they decide not to have another one," Horvitz said.

The quiet-spoken, 55-year-old labour expert has the professional mediator's tendency to talk at great

length in order to tire out adversaries. He noted that contrary to popular opinion most U.S. businesses are small units of about 1,000 employees. His agency gets some 40,000 notices of impending expiration of contracts a year, and his mediators have to look into about 12,000 of these. The record shows that 95 per cent are settled without a strike.

Pressed hard to comment on the local scene, Horvitz conceded that "I'd sure try to change the unstable way of doing business here. I'd look hard at some of your arbitration machinery." He feels that there must be ways of making "sanctions" not worthwhile, if management is willing to act.

He is a great believer in the intelligence of workers, "and surely that of Jewish workers in Israel. This intelligence can be diverted from hostility to constructive channels. 'You must find out what's going on and why you don't succeed in getting around difficulties,' he said.

But he warns against any illusion of quick solutions. "When I set up a management-labour committee at home and after two years of a strike breaks out, I tell the disgruntled management that they can't expect to clear up a mess that took 25 years to build up in a few months." Furthermore, in a democratic country, where management and unions are free, you pay certain penalties for your freedom."

At the Technion Horvitz is working with the experts on a scheme to improve day-to-day labour relations. This intelligence can be diverted from hostility to constructive cooperation and thus to achieve sound relations, productivity and stable contracts.

TRAVEL TRENDS

By BARUCH SAVILE
Post Travel Reporter

TWA WILL INTRODUCE twice weekly non-stop flights between New York and Tel Aviv effective June 11. A daily one-stop service to Tel Aviv, via Paris, will be added during the peak summer months.

CHARTERS TO ISRAEL from France will for the first time start on February 11. Tourist of Paris will offer weekly flights to Tel Aviv. Tours will be marketed by Havas. Some 9,000 passengers are expected in the first year.

LUFTHANSA carried nearly 12.6 million passengers worldwide in 1978, while total freight carried exceeded 361.5 million tons. The line recently ordered 32 advanced Boeing 737-200s at a cost of almost \$500m.

AIR FRANCE carried over 10 million passengers in 1978 — the first time this figure has been reached in a single year by the French carrier.

PORTUGAL, SPAIN, Rumania, Rhodes and, for the first time, Crete, are the most popular overseas

destinations for vacationing Israelis this year due to the comparatively low costs of package tours.

QANTAS, THE AUSTRALIAN carrier, will become the world's first all-Boeing-747 airline in March. Qantas operates three weekly flights Athens-Bangkok (non-stop) and onward to Australia. Tel Aviv CP Air has recently been appointed general sales agents for Qantas.

HOLLAND AND ISRAEL will open new aviation talks next month. KLM is reportedly seeking additional landing rights in Tel Aviv. The Dutch airline is scheduled to open an Amsterdam-Peking route by the end of 1979.

WITH THE OPENING this month of the Princess Marina in Netanya, the Halm Schiff hotels will total 1,468 rooms in eight properties — Israel's largest hotel chain.

NATIONAL AIRLINES will doubtless be the second U.S. airline to operate to Israel, after TWA. Flights will be operated twice weekly from Miami to Tel Aviv when Israel CAA approval is given.

Dan to import 750 assembled buses from Germany

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Transport Minister official will leave for Germany soon to inspect buses which the M.A.N. factory is making for the Dan Bus Cooperative here.

The ministry and Dan decided that it would be cheaper to let an Israeli official evaluate the buses for licensing and roadworthiness purposes at the factory, rather than bringing a sample vehicle here. Dan is to cover the costs of sending the official, according to its spokesman, Aharon Shani.

Sending the official will speed up delivery before the busy summer season of 50 to 70 assembled buses. These buses will be the first of a total of 750 Dan plans to buy from M.A.N. over the next five years. The plan calls for the introduction of 150 new buses each year.

According to Shani, the local bus body assembly plants Merkavim and Ha'argaz are unable to deliver on time. This is the reason Dan has received ministry permission to bring in assembled buses from Germany. The government usually does not allow the import of fully assembled buses, but only bus chassis.

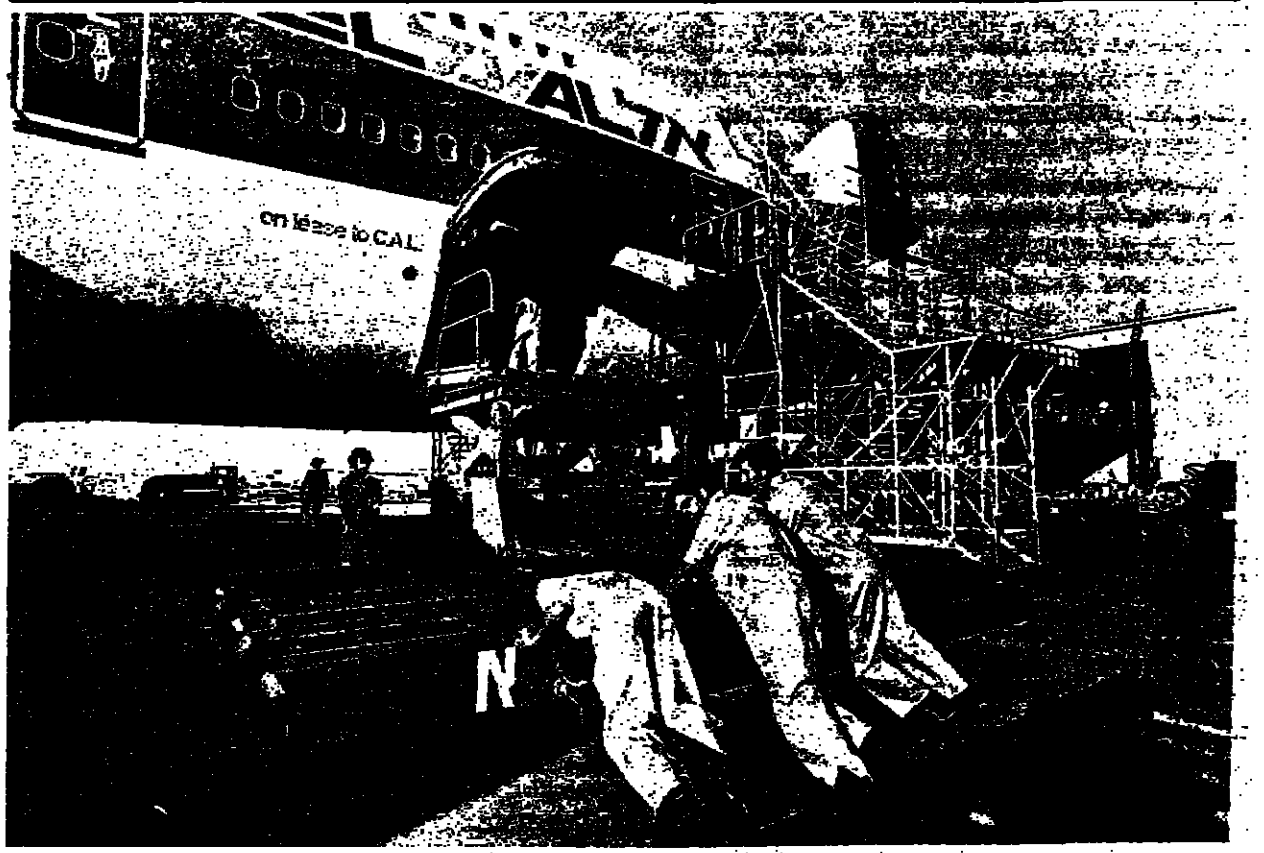
Dan is concerned that the government will soon change its credit policy. Up to now the cooperative

was able to buy buses by putting up 30 per cent of the price, and receiving 70 per cent in easy government credits. "If this policy is changed I don't know how we'll be able to buy new buses. We must renew our fleet, because we have some buses which are over 20 years old," Shani said. The average age of Dan buses is about 10 years.

In the wake of the Knesset Finance Committee's approval of easy credit to the Trucking Board, truckers are now ordering about 1,300 new vehicles. Threequarters of these trucks will be assembled at the Ashdod and Nazareth assembly plants.

Mordechai Gabai, who heads the cargo department at the Transport Ministry, who revealed this at a study day held by the Trucking Board, said that the remaining 25 per cent of trucks will be purchased abroad.

Some of the participants at the study day warned that the government must control the purchase of new trucks. They pointed out that with the signing of a peace agreement, and the massive building projects in the south, there will be a need for approximately 1,600 new trucks. But as these projects come to an end after about three years, there will be no further use for these trucks which might lead to a slump in the trucking industry.



Loading an El Al Boeing on lease to CAL at Ben-Gurion Airport. (Rabinger)

CAL may lease Boeing from Flying Tigers

Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The CAL cargo airline intends to lease a Boeing 747 cargo plane from the U.S. Flying Tigers line under a 16-year contract. The big plane would be used to ferry Israel's export produce during the winter season, when business of the American company is slow.

During the summer, when there are few produce exports, the 747 would go back to the Flying Tigers for their summer holiday trade. As part of the agreement, Flying Tigers

may provide CAL with a second 747 for use during the export season. CAL officials claim that the overall leasing costs at \$80,000 a month would be far lower than the \$250,000 it pays El Al for cargo aircraft.

This is based on the saving of \$10,000 on each flight to Europe. Freight experts, however, say the CAL's figures are misleading. The sum of \$80,000 for the Flying Tiger 747 only pays for the plane, without the crews. The salaries of the American crews would come to another \$250,000 a year without fringe benefits. This figure has to be multiplied three or four times, since the operation of two aircraft requires at least that number of crews.

An unusual aspect of the proposed deal is that CAL would have to sign an agreement to hire the 747s for a minimum of 16 years.

El Al's only comment so far is a statement from general manager

Mordechai Hod that he had sent a cable to Flying Tigers, asking them not to enter into any agreements with CAL.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Israel Pilots Association, Capt. Arie Osh, told The Jerusalem Post last night that the pilots would not stand idly while an American aircraft and crew were used to take advantage of Israel's hard-earned aviation rights, for which the country had given valuable concessions in return.

Capt. Osh said that the entire CAL manoeuvre was designed for one purpose only — to enter Israel's commercial aviation business through the back door.

On Jan. 1 he had dispatched a full communique on the subject to Safran Etkind, acting general manager of CAL, for presentation to the ministerial committee which was due to discuss CAL's plan.

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Prices stable as market consolidates its gains

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

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per cent to 11.22m. Net profit for the group was even more impressive and stood at IL25.5m. A year ago this figure was IL4.6m. Management estimates that the third quarter results will show further gains. Yesterday both bearer and registered Tava shares were marked as "buyers only."

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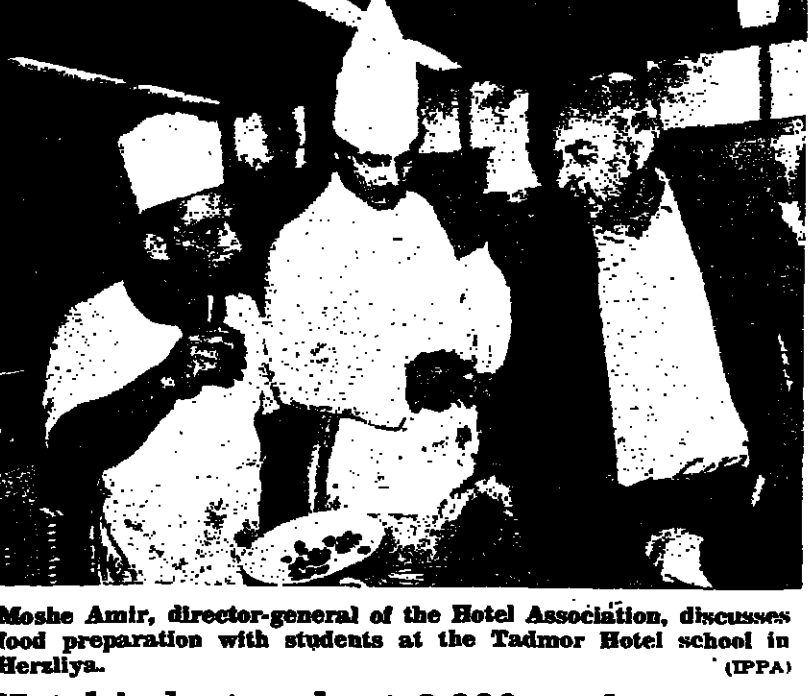
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By BARUCH SAVILLE... Club elections... Club elections...

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Moshe Amir, director-general of the Hotel Association, discusses food preparation with students at the Tadmor Hotel school in Herzliya.

British Bank of M.E. admits compliance with Arab boycott

LONDON (JTA). — The British Bank of the Middle East, which finances a large amount of trade in Arab countries, has confirmed that it circulates a blacklist of insurance companies and advises its correspondents that they should not be used in business with the Persian Gulf state of Abu Dhabi.

African gold-for-oil deal rumoured

By BARUCH SAVILLE... African gold-for-oil deal rumoured... African gold-for-oil deal rumoured...

gold producer — is bartering the metal for oil brought a firm "no comment" from the South African government yesterday.

Hotel industry short 2,000 workers

Jerusalem Post Reporter... The hotel industry is suffering from a manpower shortage so severe that it hampers further development.

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Post Knesset Reporter... A bill that passed its first reading in the Knesset on Monday would make it easier for victims of bodily injury caused by using a defective product to get compensation.

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AMERICA'S DOUBLE STANDARD

The standards that the U.S. applied in opening a new era with China are the very ones that Israel is being criticized for in its talks with Egypt, writes ZEV FURST.



Chinese and American troops, Zev Furst points out, have faced each other only once — in Korea in 1950. Above are shown American POWs reading Chinese newspapers during the Korean War.

A vacuum to fill

IT IS regrettable that the Arab Affairs Advisor to the Prime Minister, Dr. Moshe Sharon, who was appointed to that position by Mr. Begin less than a year and a half ago, has felt constrained to resign and that the Prime Minister has accepted his resignation.

Dr. Sharon's resignation is further proof that the tendency to ignore the very real problems of the Arab community is endemic to all Israeli governments. The outgoing Advisor, who was no stranger to the field, may be forgiven for hoping that a new government, established in the wake of the first meaningful political change in Israel's 29 years, would seek to change that record. It took him less than 18 months to be disabused of that notion.

The Deputy Advisor, Mr. Gur Arye has now been appointed acting-Advisor, and it must be assumed that this is a temporary appointment.

To judge by his recent performance in filling vacated Cabinet posts, Mr. Begin has a penchant for putting off decisions concerning appointments. It would be difficult to overstate the urgency of filling this all important post as rapidly as possible with a suitable person.

The Prime Minister has unfortunately rejected Dr. Sharon's proposal to appoint a Cabinet Minister to oversee the crucial function of official relations with Israel's Arabs who number more than 500,000 and account for 15 per cent of Israel's population. That rejection was presumably based on internal Cabinet and coalition considerations.

If therefore Mr. Begin does not wish to change the structure but simply to appoint a new Advisor, he should at least look for a person who will combine Dr. Sharon's unquestioned expertise in Arab affairs with political influence in the Cabinet and the Likud.

Blinders in Britain

LONDON MAY not realize it but in rejecting Israel's request to consider purchases of North Sea oil from Britain it has added a serious obstacle in the way of a successful conclusion of a peace agreement with Egypt.

The British Labour government, which is considered to be especially friendly to Israel thus joins another Israeli friend, Norway, which rejected similar feelers several weeks ago.

These feelers were put out in recent weeks when it became clear that the flow of Iranian oil, on which Israel depended for 60 per cent of its energy needs, might be stopped due to the anti-Israel attitudes of the revolutionary forces in that country.

Israel has firm commitments from the U.S. to guarantee its oil supplies in case the Arab oil boycott is extended to non-Arab Moslem suppliers like Iran. But before seeking to rely on such American guarantees Israel quite rightly is seeking other sources of supply on the open world market.

Israel should have every right to expect friendly oil producers such as Britain and Norway to respond favourably to its needs.

The unavoidable impact of the latest British announcement — which added insult to injury by lumping Israel in with South Africa as countries to whom it will refuse to sell North Sea oil — will be to strengthen those in Israel who are opposed to returning the south Sinai oil fields to Egypt in the first stage of a peace agreement.

It is difficult to understand why some of Israel's foremost friends in Western Europe, who have been urging Jerusalem to take substantial risks in making a breakthrough to a hoped for peace with Egypt and the Arab world, should reinforce the arguments of those in Israel who already are convinced that the risks already undertaken are unacceptable.

There are already enough obstacles in the way of a resumption of the stalled peace talks without the addition of superfluous stumbling blocks, especially on the part of countries that have every interest in a successful and speedy conclusion of an agreement.

NOT EVERYBODY COMPLAINS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We would like to write a tribute to a group of people who are doing an outstanding job in Israel.

We are now in our own home after spending a wonderful year at the absorption centre of Mevasseret Zion. The centre runs like a well-oiled machine. The accommodation is comfortable and adequate in every way. The staff are courteous, friendly and helpful over and above their duties to help the smooth integration of immigrants.

We personally, and I know I speak for many others, were assisted in every way regarding housing, work, schooling and financial help, not to mention a very good uplan, with many outings, interesting explanations and parties on religious and national holidays.

SAM AND DAPHNE STEINBERG AND FAMILY
Jerusalem.

Sir, — I constantly read in your columns letters from new immigrants critical of the absorption agencies whose function it is to help them. I would like to respond to these

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

AN ADVERTISEMENT in a Glasgow Jewish newspaper recently read "Scottish Region. Jewish University Students Society. Annual Rabbi Burns Supper. After Shabbat, Sunday, 27th January, 8 p.m. Kosher Haggis, Turnips, Tatties. Traditional Toasts to the Bard. Main speech to the Immortal Memory."

So who is Rabbi Burns? None other, of course, than the Scottish poet Robert Burns, whose birthday (January 25, 1759) is celebrated as a national event in Scotland. Rab, or Rabbie, is the old Scottish abbreviation for Robert. Hence, Rabbi Burns. Hoot, mon.

JERUSALEM Mayor Teddy Kolek, who has hosted many a visiting film star at city hall, recently went to see his first movie in 10 years. The picture, "Death on the Nile," was chosen for its non-relevance to current realities. Kolek, who was accompanied by his wife Tamar, said he enjoyed the movie. A.E.

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LET US consider the other steps being taken by the U.S. and China as they work towards creating a new era. The joint Sino-American communiqué stated: "neither (China or the U.S.) is prepared to negotiate on behalf of any third party or enter into agreements or understandings with the other directed at other states."

In short, both the U.S. and the People's Republic expressed acceptance of a sensible principle which

would strengthen the normalization process between the two countries. Indeed, this paragraph could be seen as one of the cornerstones of the agreement between the two countries.

Nevertheless, when Israel seeks to apply the principle that neither party negotiate on behalf of any third

party, and insists that it cannot allow the legitimacy of its treaty with Egypt to depend on commitments which only third parties can fulfil (implementation of the autonomy plan), the President of the United States expresses frustration with the Israeli position and refers to the Egyptian demand to tie the im-

plementation of normalization of relations to the outcome of third party negotiations as "generous."

Furthermore, the U.S. understood and accepted that it would have to abrogate its treaty with Taiwan in order to make Sino-American relations operative. But when Israel seeks far less from Egypt — not

abrogation of a treaty, but merely that Egypt allow the Israeli-Egyptian treaty to take precedence over any later Arab treaty — the U.S. sides with Egypt (the famous legal memorandum), and Carter refers to Egypt's staunch and steadfast refusal to accept this as "generous."

OF COURSE we should bear in mind that most international crises in the century and most wars began between countries that had maintained open borders and enjoyed extensive economic ties. The signing of a peace treaty will solve all bilateral problems between Egypt and Israel. The normalization process will depend on the mutual credibility that the two countries build up after the treaty is signed. Recent Egyptian statements demands and actions raise serious questions about that country's intentions and increase Israeli anxiety to what to expect from the new era that is about to begin. The U.S. demonstrate sensitivity to the Israeli anxiety and not only to the Sadat's problems within the Arab world — as legitimate as they are.

The standards which the U.S. applied in opening a new era in relations with China are the very same standards that Israel is seeking to apply as it moves to introduce a new era with Egypt. The speed of the normalization process is perhaps more important for Israel and Egypt than for China and the U.S. because of the five wars that were fought in the Middle East during the past 30 years. Chinese or American troops have faced each other only once — in Korea in 1950.

The very issue that can be expected from the U.S. is that it show an understanding of Israel's insistence on some immediate tangible evidence of the normalization process, and of its legitimate right to make the treaty's implementation dependent on third parties.

The same standards which the U.S. applied to China should be applied by Washington in its "partner" role as it seeks to assist the negotiations between Jerusalem and Cairo.

Zev Furst is director of the Israel Office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

READERS' LETTERS

THE CAUSES OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

most road accidents are:

1. A general lack of skill in handling motor vehicles.
2. Insufficient driver training.
3. The general tolerance by the Israeli public of lawlessness. (Reckless driving and driving contrary to the rules of the road is as acceptable in Israeli society as dishing out payments of income tax and VAT.)

I am convinced that proper driver education starting from the high-school level, as well as an extensive campaign to retrain professional drivers, such as taxi drivers, bus drivers etc., would have a considerable effect on improving the

THE BLACK HEBREWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On reading the hair-raising Newbeat reports on the Black Hebrews, I had the distinct impression of living in Guyana. When the mass suicide occurred in Guyana, it was explained that it was possible only there because of the lawlessness of that country.

Is Israel any different? Apparently, all it takes is to have a black skin to be above the law in Israel. In the U.S., there is also a lot of reverse discrimination and, distasteful as it may be, at least it is psychologically explainable as atonement for the sin of slavery.

But we Jews have nothing to atone before the goyim, black or white. We came here to build a better society in our ancient homeland and defended it in five wars against overwhelming numbers of enemies. Yet we are apparently so powerless against 1400 blacks that all we could do is to appoint a commission of investigation, which is the surest sign that nothing will be done.

DR. JACOB ROSIN
Netanya.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your paper has performed a great public service in giving prominence to the U.S. Surgeon General's published report which emphasized the increasing evidence that cigarette smoking is a prominent factor in the cause of various diseases.

Almost 70 per cent of all blindness in Israel is the result of diseases which can be aggravated by the smoking of cigarettes. Although most of these diseases have their onset early in adult life, their effect on vision is usually not noticed by the smoker until many years later, too long for him to be aware of a connection between cigarette smoking and his dimming vision and often too late for the condition to be prevented or helped.

The diseases in the cause of which smoking is a significant factor usually affect vision after the age of 50. It is the great satisfaction of medicine that it has increased life expectancy by many years, but it is a sad observation that this may give more time for blindness to develop and to be endured.

In projects now being planned in Israel for the prevention of blindness, much emphasis is being placed on the role of abstention from cigarette smoking. The chief difficulty is to succeed in having this done early enough.

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DANGEROUS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Among the current wave of strikes, which are in general deplorable, there is one which deserves whole-hearted support from the general public. I refer to the strike of doctors and nurses at the Amidar dispensary of the Elitahut sick fund in Lod, which is due to an unusual and very different reason.

Every person who visits or works at this dispensary is a potential victim of attack by hooligans especially in the afternoon hours. This dispensary is situated in an area that has become notorious in the last two years and is generally known as drug addict territory.

The half drugged addicts roam freely inside the dispensary, deliberately disturb the orderly reception of patients and size up

CLOUD-CUCKOOLAND

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to congratulate Sybil Marcus on her timely and accurate observation on "The luxury of aliyah" (January 25). The time is long overdue for the Jewish Agency and the Zionist organizations of the western world to descend from cloud-cuckooland and come to grips with reality.

The sad truth is that Israel has less and less to offer the western immigrant every day and a golden opportunity to attract some really valuable human material is rapidly being frittered away.

N. L. SCHWARTZ
Ashkelon.

REROUTING BUSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — If after one incident of violence in Mea She'arim, six bus lines are rerouted, one can expect that after the loss of so many lives on the No. 12 bus, that it too would be rerouted.

Of course, violence is unjustifiable and should not be tolerated. But neither is the government's neglect of innocent life.

ABRAHAM KAMENETSKY
Jerusalem.

CAR LICENCES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Before the licensing department considers California's personalized number plates as an extra source of revenue (January 18), may I suggest it take a look at the British system of car licensing.

Every car on the road in the United Kingdom carries a disc affixed to the inside of the windshield. The disc is self-adhesive and states that "Car no. ... is licensed from ... to ...". The disc is numbered and the colour is changed each year. This is given to the car owner when he pays his licence fee at the post office, presenting at the same time his log book, insurance cover and road test certificate.

If this system were adopted here, it would have the effect of removing unlicensed vehicles from the road, and better still, beating the road tax evaders. And it should not be too difficult to follow up the unlicensed car owners' other tax commitments.

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